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HANKOW DELAY.

Why the Agreement Was Not Signed.

MR. CHEN'S POINTS.

Statements Which Create "A New Situation."

Hankow, Feb. 15.
Mr. O'Malley stated this morning that Mr. Chen yesterday made a series of statements partly referring to Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech, partly about the agreement and partly about assurances. The effect of these statements was to create a new situation.
The agreement was not signed because he thought it necessary to put the fresh situation before Sir Austen Chamberlain in order to enable the latter to decide what should be done about the agreement. Meanwhile Mr. O'Malley will remain at Hankow to await further instructions.—Reuter.

STILL IN THE DARK.

Foreign Secretary Without News.

Rugby, Feb. 15.
Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked in the House of Commons whether the reports that negotiations at Hankow had broken down were well-founded.
He replied that he had as yet received no official report to this effect.—British Wireless Service.

NAVAL WIRELESS NEWS.

The Hankow Negotiations In Abeyance.

The following naval wireless messages were received overnight by the local naval authorities:

Negotiations at Hankow with Eugene Chen are in abeyance. The situation there is unchanged.

A Chinese gunboat attempted to search the Italian gunboat "Ermanno Carlotto" arriving at Kiangtong from Anking, on the plea of being Russian.

Looting Attempt.

Firing broke out yesterday at Shai between two divisions, one of whom attempted to loot the town.

The situation at Ichang remain quiet but a general labour anti-British strike is threatened if the "impossible" demands of godown strikers are not met.

More troops have left Ichang down-river.
A Chinkiang message states that Northern troops are concentrating on the Anhui border advancing from Changchow.

TROOPS FOR CHINA.

Major General Duncan At Colombo.

Colombo, Feb. 15.
The "Megantic" has arrived here with the Commander of the Shanghai Defence Force, Major General Duncan, on board, also Battalions of the Border, Bedfordshire, and Hertfordshire on board. She expected to continue her voyage to China on Feb. 15.—Reuter.

Naval Relief.

Port Said, Feb. 15.

The cruiser "Dauntless" and the Aircraft Carrier "Argus" have arrived here.
They are leaving for China on Feb. 16.—Reuter.

London, Feb. 15.
The cruiser "Yarmouth" has left Portsmouth with 450 naval reliefs for the river gunboats in China.—Reuter.

H.M.S. "Yarmouth" has not been mentioned as an addition to the China Squadron. Accordingly, it is presumed that she is coming out with relief crews for the China station of which there are five on the West River and ten on the Yangtze.

SHANGHAI DEFENCE.

Arrival of an American Transport.

Shanghai, Feb. 11.
While Chang Tao-lin and Wu Pei-fu seem to have definitely decided at last to launch a drive into Hupei province with the ultimate aim of driving the Nationalists from Hankow, interest locally last night centred around the fact that the first emergency American Protectionary Force—300 marines from Manila in the

Transport "Pecos"—arrived in Shanghai to reinforce the regular naval units already on watch here and in upriver points.

The "Pecos" actually arrived off Shanghai on Wednesday afternoon. Her presence here, however, was not announced until last night. Reports that the marines were landed immediately upon their arrival and taken to barracks at the race course, could not be confirmed from any official source. It was said, however, that they expected to be assigned as extra units on the various American war, craft on and near the China coast and up the Yangtze.

British marines, with their band, landed again yesterday morning and paraded to the race grounds for drill. It is not known whether they will remain on shore.

Meanwhile Great Britain continued shipping troops for China, several units being announced to sail as late as Sunday. Locally the situation remains quiet, no disorders outside of desultory strikes have been reported.—"China Press."

Twenty-Three War Vessels.

The following men-of-war are in harbour at Shanghai at the present time:—

British.
H.M.S. "Hawkins" (flagship), "Carlisle", "Enterprise", "Scarab", "Vindictive" and "Wyvern."

American.
U.S.S. "Pittsburgh" (flagship), "Ashville", "Edsall", "McCormick", "Sacramento", "Pecos".

Italian.
"E. Carlotto", "Libia".

French.
"Jules Michelet" (flagship), "Alerte", "La Grandiere", "Marne".

Japanese.
"Tone" (flagship), "Ataka", "Kashi", "Katata", "Yanagi".

SOVIET INFLUENCE.

The Hatred of Great Britain.

Commenting on events at Hankow, the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" remarked in mail week:—The feeling, however, has rapidly grown during the past few days, even in the circles most anxious not to ruffle the tender susceptibilities of Russian Bolsheviks or Cantonese Reds, that the hold secured by the Soviet over the Southern Chinese is far greater than was previously either believed or admitted. This feeling may strengthen the hands of that section of the Cabinet, which considers that the time has come to reply to the Soviet intrigues and propagandist activities against the British Empire in the only suitable manner, by the expulsion of the Soviet Embassy. Incredible though this may seem, I have ascertained that prominent members of the large Soviet staff in London do not hesitate, when in the company of fellow-diplomats other than British, to express their hatred of this country, and to emphasise that the British Empire is the Soviet's chief enemy and target. Soviet diplomats in Berlin are even more talkative, and while seeking to play on the German's natural resentment at his deprivation of all extra-territorial rights in China under the Versailles Treaty, freely boast of how, when they have once disposed of British prestige and in-

GRIP OF THE FOG.

Channel Services Entirely Suspended.

EVEN KINGS MUST WAIT.

Rugby, Feb. 15.
The fog, which has now beset the English Channel for five successive days was so bad at noon to-day that all mail and passenger services between England and the Continent were suspended.



The King of the Belgians.

This is said to be the first time for fifty years that fog has obtained so complete a hold of the Channel, which is enshrouded from coast to coast. Ships not venturing to move are anchored all over the Channel.



The Queen of the Belgians.

Air traffic is likewise suspended. The King and Queen of the Belgians had intended to fly from London back to Brussels to-day, but they have been unable to make the journey either by air or sea, and will remain here until to-morrow.—British Wireless Service.

COMING DOWN.

Home Unemployment Again Decreases.

Rugby, Feb. 15.
The latest weekly return shows a further decrease of 28,000 in the number of the workless, the total being now 1,303,500. This is 188,500 more than a year ago.—British Wireless Service.

terests in China, they intend to arouse Chinese animosity against America and France in that order (and Japan, also, according as events shape themselves in the north).

Moscow, in a word, is borrowing its tactics from Turkish diplomacy, ever adept at dividing the Powers and then undermining the separate interests of each in succession.

I have reason to believe that Washington is, like London, slowly awakening to the fact that what is really at stake is not national interests, but the prestige of the white man. The Grand Old Man of New Zealand, the late Mr. Massey, remarked to me at the Imperial Conference of 1923, apropos of Turkey, that "there is one thing the white man must never do in the East, and that is to show the white feather."

HANKOW LABOUR.

Unions Want To Take Law Into Own Hands.

Hankow, Feb. 10.
Reports from up-country state that the rush to organise is extending to even such "white collar" occupations as the teaching and medical professions.
In Hankow now there are few workers who are not enrolled in some union or other nearly all of which have presented demands varying in degree of reasonableness and foreign employers, where they have felt that the claims were actuated by a genuine (Continued on Page 2.)

NAVAL PARADE.

What Hong Kong Has Missed.

WEATHER TO BLAME.

The inclement weather this morning deprived local residents of witnessing a rare Naval display, the arrangements for a route march of Naval detachments through the City being cancelled at the eleventh hour.

Elaborate plans for the event had been made in advance, and over fourteen hundred blue-jackets and Marines were landed at the Naval Yard and Queen's Pier shortly after 9 o'clock this morning.

The parade was to have been commanded by Lt. Comdr. R. B. Ramsay, M.V.O. (H.M.S. "Danac"), whilst six officers from each of the vessels sending detachments were also detailed for duty.

Platoons of blue-jackets were landed from the aircraft-carrier "Hermes" and from the cruisers "Prohiber", "Delhi", "Danac", "Dragon" and "Caradoc".

The men were in full service kit with tin helmets and web equipment.

Two bands were to have accompanied the column, namely the massed bands of the Royal Marines of the above men-of-war and a massed "volunteer band" (i.e. blue-jackets). In addition to the platoons of blue-jackets, machine and Lewis gun sections were detailed for duty, whilst four field guns—drawn by blue-jackets—were to have brought up the rear of the column. The "China Mail" understands that, weather permitting, detachments of the Royal Marines, some four hundred strong, will march through the city to-morrow morning. No arrangements have yet been made for holding the parade of blue-jackets which was cancelled this morning.

COMPANY REPORT.

H.K. & K. WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

The report for the year ended Dec. 31, 1926, of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., for presentation to shareholders at the 40th ordinary annual meeting to be held at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, February 24, at noon is as follows:—

The profit on working was \$754,838.14 as compared with \$982,814.11 in 1925.

The balance for the year, after deducting Directors' and Auditors' fees, allowing for depreciation, paying for ordinary repairs and a retainer bonus to former Accountant, is \$481,543.12. The amount brought forward from last year is \$331,190.56 making a total of \$812,733.68 available for appropriation.

The Directors recommend the following:—

To pay a dividend of \$6.00 per share... \$480,000.00
To carry forward... \$332,733.68

Directors: The Directors record with much regret, the death of Hon. Sir C. P. Charter, Kt., C.M.G.
Messrs. A. S. D. Cousland and Allan Cameron retire according to the Articles of Association and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors: Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, Incorporated Accountants, and Linstead and Davis, Chartered Accountants, have audited the accounts now presented and offer themselves for re-election.

BEGAN TO TALK.

"DEAF" MAN GIVES SHOW AWAY.

"You didn't know that you were under observation in the Jail hospital yesterday, did you? As soon as you were left alone, you started talking to your next door neighbour," said Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning to a Chinese, found guilty yesterday of possessing opium and brought before the Bench again for sentence.

It will be recalled that at yesterday's hearing of the case Sub-insp. J. Clarke stated that the man was stone deaf and unable to read or write.
Mr. Lindsell having passed sentence of \$500 or four months' imprisonment, said that it would stand in abeyance until to-day as it was necessary that some means be found for acquainting the convicted man of the Court's sentence.

Upon receiving a certificate from the Prison Medical Officer, his Worship said that the sentence passed yesterday would stand.

TERRIBLE SCENES.

European Earthquake Horrors.

SEVERAL HUNDREDS KILLED.

Vienna, Feb. 15.

Latest reports confirm the alarming nature of the earthquake. Deaths are estimated at several hundreds, due to the collapse of a thousand houses in Bosnia, Herzegovina and Dalmatia.

There has been heavy destruction in Ragusa, Cattaro, Spalato and Mostar.

The population is panic-stricken.

There were very terrible scenes at Popovopolje where a row of houses was precipitated down the mountain side and the inhabitants perished in the ruins.

The centre of the disturbance is apparently under sea, and it is throwing up large waves which are compelling Dalmatian coast dwellers to flee inland.—Reuter.

The First News.

London, Feb. 15.
There has been considerable loss of life and damage to property in an earthquake in Herzegovina and Dalmatia. Twelve deaths are reported at Sarajevo and many were killed at Metkovic, Dalmatia.

Nineteen shocks were recorded in the course of twenty minutes. Telephone and telegraph communication with Herzegovina is cut off.—Reuter.

FIGHT FOR TOWN.

A COMING BIG CLASH IN NICARAGUA.

SAFETY OF AMERICANS.

Managua, Feb. 15.

The rival Liberal and Conservative forces are preparing for a decisive fight for possession of Matagalpa, the second most important town in Nicaragua.

The American Charge d'Affaires has advised Americans there to barricade their houses and await developments.—Feuter's American Service.

TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEPHONY EXTENDED.

Rugby, Feb. 15.

The Postmaster-General states that the number of telephone calls made by the Trans-Atlantic wireless service since its inauguration on January 7 is 388. Forty per cent. were outgoing from England.

The Postmaster-General announces that to-morrow the service will become available to and from the American States of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

These States, with the others already admitted to the service, constitute the second American zone.

On Thursday next the service will be further extended to the States of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida which are in American zone.—British Wireless Service.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast for all local districts is: Light N.E. winds, freshening; overcast, some drizzle or mist.

At 11.15 a.m. to-day, the Observatory reported:—

Pressure has increased moderately over N.E. China and S. Manchuria, and slightly over the Yangtze Valley and at Yapi. It has decreased moderately over the Bonins and slightly over the Loochoos. Elsewhere it is nearly stationary.
Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 29.88; temperature 42; rainy weather.

London, Feb. 15.—The death roll in the Hull collision is now ten.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/0 1/16.

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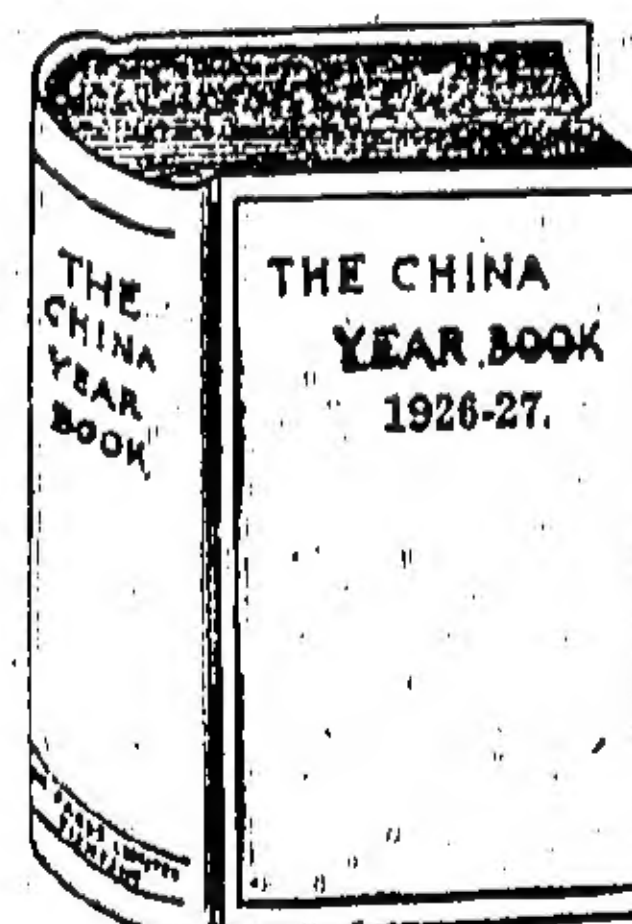
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NOTICES.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE,
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SCHOOL will REOPEN on February 19th. Entrance Examination for New Students on FRIDAY, February 18th, at 9.30 a.m. For Prospectus, for Boarders and Day-boys, apply

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Hong Kong, 5th Feb., 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, February 24th, 1927, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1926.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, February 14th, 1927 to THURSDAY, February 24th, 1927, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
F. H. CRAPNEL,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, Feb. 5th, 1927.

**HONG KONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1927, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 14th February, 1927 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors.
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1927.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 3.30 p.m. SATURDAY, February 26th, 1927, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 19th February 1927, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 11th Feb., 1927.

**THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, P. & O. Building, on SATURDAY, 6th March, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 21st February to 5th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1927.

**HONG KONG TRAMWAYS
LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Hong Kong Tramways Limited will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 7th day of March, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd to MONDAY, 7th MARCH, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1927.

NOTICE.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1927

28th February, 1st, 2nd & 5th March.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

MEMBERS' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members, who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, February 25th, 1927, at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. or at the Gate.

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Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 15th Feb., 1927.

**THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY,
THERAPION NO. 1
THERAPION NO. 2
THERAPION NO. 3**

For a full report of the special Conference on the Chinese Customs Tariff

THE WOMAN AGE.

"MEN HAVE TO STAY AT HOME."

The education of children in agricultural subjects, as a preparation for overseas settlement, was discussed at the conference of Educational Associations held at University College, Gower Street.

Miss Rita Oldham complained of the apparent apathy of men teachers.

"I cannot help thinking," she said, "that if the men—the university men and all sorts of men teachers—rated this question at its proper worth, there would be more of them to-day. The more I attend these meetings the more I thank Heaven that there were women in the van."

Professor J. E. G. de Montmorency said: "Men are working in their way, and they work in a different way from women. A good deal of work is done in all sorts of clubs, and in these days when women are out a good deal men have to stay at home and look after the children."

The Earl of Clarendon said they wanted the younger generation to regard settlement in the Dominions very much in the same way possibly as they would regard the removal of their homes, say from somewhere in Scotland to somewhere in Wales.

QUESTION OF HONOUR.

Vienna, Jan. 9.
General Gadjia, a prominent Czechoslovakian, who is a commander of the Legion of Honour, has asked the French Government to commence proceedings against him in France for high treason against the French Republic. He complains that he has had no opportunity in Czechoslovakia to defend his honour.

A message from Vienna on July 18 stated that a sensation has been caused by the announcement that the Czechoslovakian Chief of Staff, General Gadjia, has been given indefinite leave of absence in order that he may prepare his defence of an allegation of espionage in the interests of Soviet Russia. It is understood that the charge emanated from Warsaw, where a Czechoslovakian official gained the confidence of the Soviet authorities. General Gadjia denies the charge.

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32 WOUNDS.

EX-SOLDIER FORCED TO BEG.

"It seems amazing that a man with such a career should have no pension, and should be forced to beg," said a Marylebone magistrate, referring to the case of Henry Dussold, a costermonger, a married man with two children. He enlisted at Winnipeg in August, 1914, and received 32 wounds in France. He was captured, but escaped in 1917. The Canadian Government had not answered when he applied for a pension.

The magistrate dismissed the charge, and asked the court missionary to again approach the Government.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S TROUBLES.

Los Angeles, Feb. 7.
Lloyd Wright, attorney for Charlie Chaplin, was eliminated today from the long list of defendants in Lita Grey Chaplin's divorce suit against her husband when the superior court upheld the defence demurrer to the inclusion of Wright's name.

The Chaplin Studios, Inc., through its attorney, demurred to clauses in the divorce complaint relating to financial matters and to the restraining order issued by the court against certain operations of the concern, but did not ask that it be eliminated as a defendant.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

February 15, 1927.
Mr. C. P. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Archbutt, Mr. J. Apfelbaum.

Messrs. A. R. Bain, F. Baumann, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bauche, Mr. J. Baumber.

Mr. D. E. Clark, Mrs. and Miss I. B. Craig, Messrs. C. D. Culbertson, E. J. Carmichael.

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Mrs. and Miss L. M. Francis, Miss L. A. Fisher.

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Capt. T. P. Hall, Messrs. A. F. Henry, F. H. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Miss H. Horsford, Mr. E. E. Hyde.

Mr. H. A. Keller.

Messrs. W. E. Lilbetrant, L. Larson, Miss H. Lillie.

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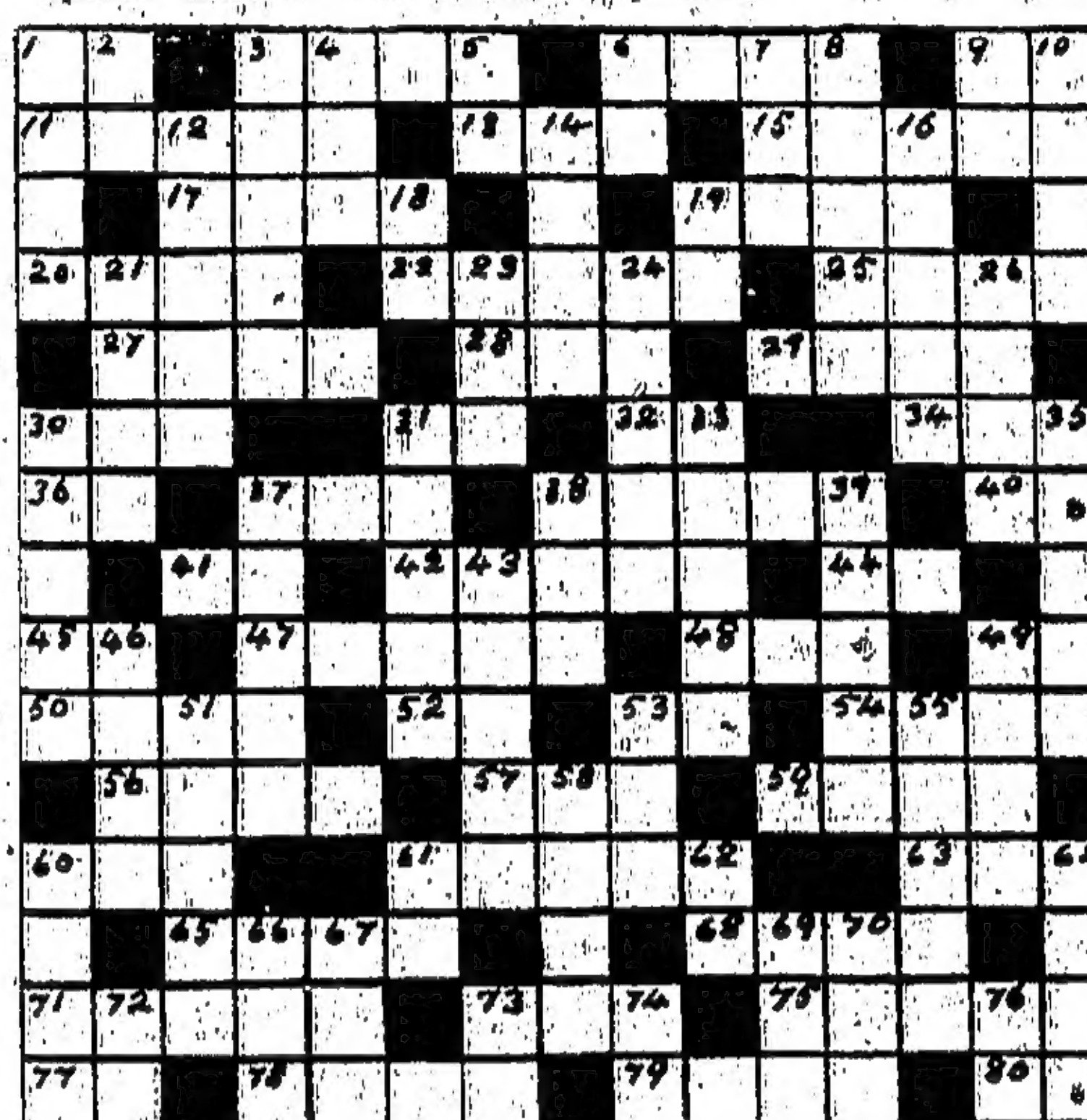
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Clues Across.

1. A Chinese weight (1000th. of a liang).
3. A recess.
6. Where the sun rises.
8. To mix type.
11. On fire.
13. Obtained.
15. Weapon shot from a bow.
17. A mess.
19. Difference between metallic and paper money.
20. Time.
22. Precious stones.
25. Throw.
27. Wanders about restlessly.
28. Liquid made of malt and hops.
29. To dog.
30. Timothy (abbrev.)
31. The indefinite article.
32. N. A. (actual).
34. A male child.
36. R. O. (actual).
37. To cheat.
38. Strangely.
40. Father.
41. Proceed.
42. To humble.
44. Like.
45. Not out.
47. A quantity having magnitude, direction and position (viz. the Flettner ship).
48. Outer part of the mouth.
49. Thanks.
50. To hit the precise time.
52. E. L. (actual).
53. 6th note in scale.
54. Used for keeping wood together.
56. A point.
57. The one at 'Dica'.
59. A pit for receiving metal on first fusion.
60. By means of.
61. Treatment or custom.
62. A venomous serpent.
65. To break at once.
68. Head gear.
71. To let blood.
73. Consumed.
75. Catalogue.
77. This.
78. A down.
79. Word used for fencing.
80. Denoting presence.

Clues Down.

1. Thin.
2. An expression of doubt.
3. Not narrow.
4. O E S (actual).
5. For example.
6. Dump (then take away the 'W').
7. To sink or hang down.
8. Stale.
9. An Italian river.
10. Certainly (Spent).
12. The whole Mohammedan World.
14. Freshhold estate.
16. Ragged or ruffled.
18. In this manner.
19. In like manner.
21. Same as 18 across.
23. A flat pot.
24. Grants the use of.
26. To cease further motion.
30. A clue.
31. To listen.
33. A girl's name.
35. Relating to ships.
37. Have prongs (used at table).
38. For propelling a boat.
39. To annul by payment (then reverse it).
43. Used by Gauchos when catching animals.
46. Dainty or delightful.
49. Clives a 'cumshaw'.
51. An evil wish.
52. The limb between the knee and foot.
55. To collect together.
58. To lose.
60. Public houses (slang).
63. Not down.
64. Expression of inquiry.
66. Sand letters by.
69. Modern.
70. To listen.
72. The whole lot.
74. To listen.
76. Behold!
78. Advertisement (abbrev.)
80. Same as 48 across.

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Pilferage.

When these works are completed, little will remain to complete the original project for enclosing the docks to prevent pilferage. The barriers will include within their boundary all the overseas berths at which general cargo is unloaded. Already a barrier has been erected between No. 17 and No. 18 berths at North Wharf, with a shed, from which the Customs officers can watch the traffic passing along North Wharf Road. This barrier has been continued as far as the corner of Mountain Street and Cowper Street, while the new work will take it as far as Pitt Street. The only part then remaining will be the enclosing of the Victoria Dock berths from No. 17 onward to the northern side of the dock, and it will be impossible to make a beginning on this last portion for some time.

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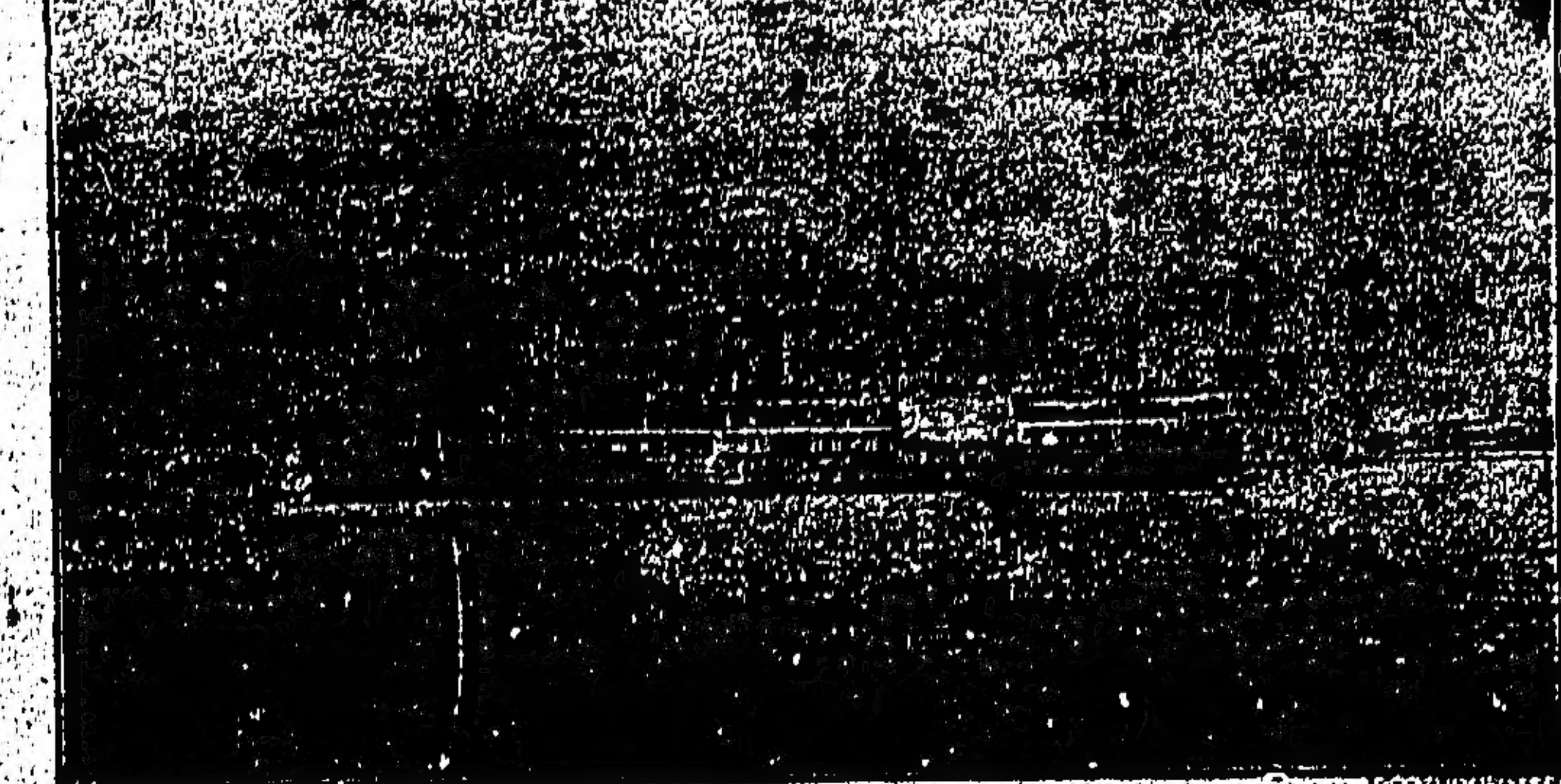
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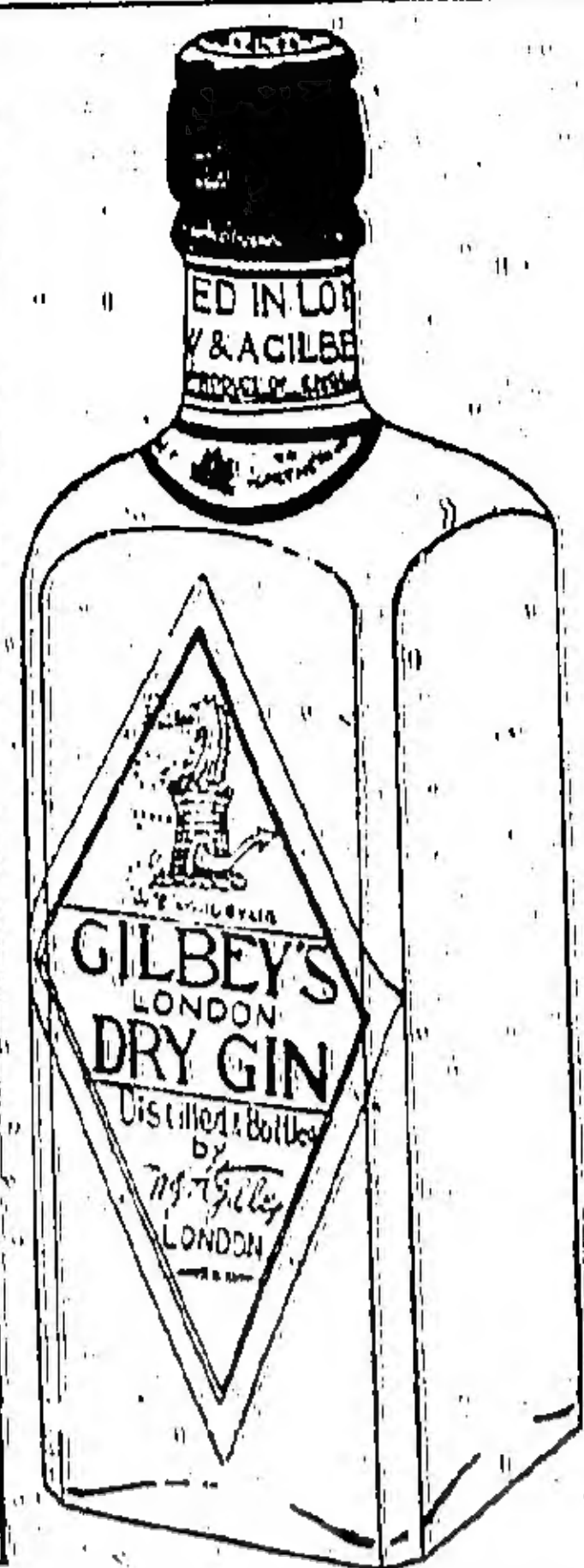


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BIRTHS.

ALEXANDER.—On February 7,
1927, at Shanghai, to Mr. and
Mrs. E. D. Alexander, a son.
PERME.—On February 9, 1927, at
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. E.
Perme, of Hankow, a daughter.
ROE.—On February 10, 1927, at
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.
P. A. Roe, a son.

MARRIAGE.

AWAD.—AFFOUSO.—On Jan-
uary 27, 1927, at Kobe, Lillian,
only daughter of Mrs. Mary
Elizabeth Affousso, of Shang-
hai, to William, second son of
Mr. and Mrs. G. Awad, of
Brooklyn, New York, U.S.A.

DEATHS.

DE LA PENA.—On February 10,
1927, at Shanghai, Paula, aged
63 years.
MITTAG.—On February 11, 1927,
at Shanghai, Max Mittag, hus-
band of Gertrude Mittag, aged
64 years.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1927.

A HEALTH WEEK.

It is encouraging to note that
the question of the public health
—revived in some measure by
the disclosures regarding the
cesspools at Kowloon Tong—is
coming more and more to the fore
in the Colony. Immense pro-
gress has been made since the
days when the place was regard-
ed as a death trap for British
soldiers owing to the heavy
mortality from malaria fever,
but research, and science never
stand still, so is it incumbent on
the health authorities to march
with the times, leaving no stone
turned in the effort to prevent
disease. If there have been
criticisms in the past these have
been provoked by the single-
minded purpose of the weal of
the whole community. Depart-
ments and individuals count for
nothing in the campaign toward
a healthier Colony.

Even so, it must be remem-
bered that be the Government ever
so much in earnest in its health
work it is a sine qua non that it
must have the whole-hearted co-
operation of those whom its pre-
ventative measures are designed
to assist. There must be a public
conscience as well as a Govern-
ment conscience. The public
must be educated along the right
lines if mortality from this, that,
and the other disease is to
be brought to an irreducible
minimum.

Under the joint auspices of the
Chinese Y.M.C.A. and the China
Medical Association a Health
Week is to be inaugurated on
Saturday evening. Following an
address by the Hon. Dr. Kotewell,
C.M.G., moving pictures will be
screened demonstrating the im-
portance of health. On Sunday
health topics will be dealt with
in all Chinese Sunday Schools and
Churches, and, following a lec-
ture at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in
the evening, there will be shown
a series of "health pictures." Students will be benighted on Mon-
day afternoon to a health lecture,
illustrated, with films, and the
whole of the week will be devoted
to similar lectures, on such sub-
jects as small-pox, tuberculosis,
and malaria. In addition there
will be lectures for women on
child welfare.

The idea of a Public Health
Week among the local Chinese is
praiseworthy in the extreme. In
matters relating to health ignor-
ance is never bliss. Preservation
is one of the primary laws of Na-
ture. Prevention of disease is
inseparable from self-preservation.
And even the knowledge of
"what to do till the doctor comes"
cannot be spread too rapidly
among the Chinese masses. The
Public Health Week is a move-
ment that deserves all the encour-
agement and support that the
Press and leaders of the Chinese
medical and lay community can
give to it. The non-Chinese sec-
tion, too, will join most cordially
in wishing it every success.

Cross-Word Puzzles.

The cross-word puzzle competi-
tion in the "China Mail" gives a
topical interest to the following
remarks by Edmund Dulac in the
"Daily News":—"As for the
method of solving cross-word
puzzles you may begin with the
short words or with the long; you
may exhaust your patience on one
corner or go through the puzzle
and jot down haphazard what you
think are the correct solutions;
you may leave it to other words
to fill in the squares between the
scattered letters of an incom-
plete clue; or you may plod
through the dictionary for a word

beginning with 'T' and ending in
ous. This latter process is highly
to be recommended. To read
some twenty pages of Webster to
land at last on teliosporiferous,
after having discarded temnos-
pondylous and tetrapneumonous,
is little in itself when you reflect
that as you went along you touch-
ed on telestereography and dis-
covered that you should have
taken up that subject long ago,
or skirted tarsometatarsus and
wondered for a moment whether
compactive anatomy was not,
after all, your line. The course
of many lives has been altered to
great advantage by lesser con-
tingencies than these."—Verily.

CORRESPONDENCE.

KOWLOON TONG SQUATTERS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—It gives me pleasure to
comply with the request of your
correspondent, "Salus Populi
Suprema Lex" to supply the in-
formation he deserves to have for
the benefit of the public on the
vital point of the voting leading to
the defeat of the Sanitary Board,
meeting of one. I am thus
afforded an opportunity to supple-
ment the extended report of the
proceedings at that meeting to
which so much prominence was
given by the Press.

The voting was as follows:—
For the motion.—The mover, the
second, and Lieut.-Col. Boylan
Smith, D.S.O., R.A.M.C.

Against.—Mr. Wong Kwong-tin,
Dr. S. W. Tao, the Hon. the Director
of Public Works and Dr. J. C.
MacGowan.

The President and the Medical
Office of Health did not vote.
Motion declared by one vote.

It will be remembered that Mr.
Wong Kwong-tin spoke of the vil-

lage of resistance, and conser-
vation. But what about the "un-
assailable" arguments of the other
two distinguished members of the
Sanitary Board? The public have
a right to know, and knowing, bow
their heads and say "Magister
dixit."

Does Mr. Braga's silence mean
that they were led like sheep to the
slaughter house, or did they say,
in spite of the arguments:

Come one, come all
This rock shall fly as soon as I.
Yours, etc.,

SALUS POPULI SUPREMA LEX.
Hong Kong, Feb. 16.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Your correspondent "Salus
Populi Suprema Lex's" article is
very illuminative. But I am at a
loss to understand how the cessa-
pools removed 200 yards, as ad-
vocated by the M.O.H., from the
residential district would cease to
be noisome, since the penetrating
smells and sickening odours are
evolved at the moment of the dis-
tribution of liquified human ex-
creta over the vegetable gardens,
which now extend almost to the
doorsteps of the K. T. residents.

I consulted a friend of mine. This
is the medico's explanation, which
I venture to make public in the hope
of allaying the fears of the residents
of the notorious Garden City of
Kowloon Tong:—"The germs of
typhoid and dysentery having to
travel 200 yards from their head-
quarters (the cesspools) before
they are spread over the vegetables,
get exhausted and lose their viru-
lence. The house-fly transfers
these attenuated germs to the food
and drink which, ingested by the
residents, act as vaccines and thus
prevent the outbreaks of these
dreaded diseases. But, if, inad-
vertently, the domestic fly, now
transformed from the worst enemy
into a good Samaritan, instead of
these prophylactic doses, adminis-
ters a lethal (toxic) dose one has
always our Water Supply to blame."
Yours, etc.,
PRO-HYGIENE.
Hong Kong, Feb. 16.

**PIANO MOVING. Compt. men.
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26 LEGAL NOTICES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
NOTICE is hereby given that the
undersigned will not be liable or
responsible for any debts, obligations
or charges incurred by Lita Grey
Chaplin, wife of the undersigned, or
any one in her behalf.
Dated December 2, 1926.
CHARLES CHAPLIN.

DEBTS—The University Mkt., 10596

Here is a reproduction of a notice that appeared in a Los Angeles
paper following the separation of Charles Chaplin, the movie
comedian, and his wife.

layers of Kowloon Tsai who had
settled there for generations—300
or 400 years. On what authority
Mr. Wong supported his assertion
he left it to the imagination of the
meeting to discover. At any rate,
he advanced no proof in support
of his statement. It must have
been purely guesswork. That is
beside the point, however. I
replied that the speaker's oratory
was so much waste of powder and
shot, since it had missed its mark.
The motion then under discussion
must be read in the light of the
questions that went before it, at
the previous meeting of the Board.
And they referred to the new per-
mits on the newly filled in Crown
land bordering the nullah running
along the main thoroughfare known,
I believe, as the "Montague Edge
Road." It was the cancellation
of the permits of these new holders
that the motion was aimed at. It
did not apply to all the squatters.

Assuming, for the sake of argu-
ment, that in the interest of the
public health the villages in the
vicinity of Kowloon Tong should
be reserved for public improve-
ment, I cited the precedent of the
Shek Lai Pui villagers who were re-
provisioned, upon dispossession,
after adequate and ample compensa-
tion out of the public funds. Simi-
larly, when and after suitable
places are found for the Kowloon
Tong squatters, should they be
dealt with, I think I fairly anti-
cipated and disarmed criticism on
the score of hardship to individual
interests.

Lt.-Col. Boylan Smith made the
strongest point when he argued that
"the convenience of squatters
should not be put before the ques-
tion of public health." All im-
partial judgment must be entirely
at one with the authoritative
opinion of the Military member
whose view is of the greatest
weight. Yet, "surprised of sur-
prise," indeed, it was set aside in
the interest of gross offenders
against the public health over
which, I take it, the members of the
Sanitary Board owe it as a first duty
to their appointors or electors to
watch and protect.

Yours, etc.,
J. P. BRAGA.
Hong Kong, Feb. 16.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Mr. Braga's letter in this
morning's paper answers early the
question raised by me. We know
that Mr. Wong Kwong-tin's strong
point against the withdrawal of
permits to new squatters was their
genealogical tree, the fear of an
outbreak of famine, Mr. Cressy's

WOMAN'S COURAGE.

ARMED ROBBERS SCARED AWAY.

The bravery of Mrs. J. B.
Gutierrez was the means of
frustrating a daring armed rob-
bery at No. 1, Salford Terrace
yesterday morning.

Four armed men were admitted
into the flat by the baby amah,
who opened the door in response
to a knock.

Telling the amah that they had
come to remove some furniture,
the men waited in the doorway
while the amah went to inform
her mistress. Notwithstanding
the fact that one of the men
pointed his revolver at her head,
Mrs. Gutierrez rushed out and
gave the alarm.

Mr. Gutierrez, who had by now
come on the scene, rushed to the
door, out was struck on the head
by one of the men. Hearing Mrs.
Gutierrez' cries for help, the
men rushed through the flat and
made good their escape through
the back entrance.

Thanks to Mrs. Gutierrez' cour-
age, the men were not able to
appropriate anything during
their short stay in the flat.

ROUTE MARCH.

YESTERDAY'S VOLUNTEER TURNOUT.

Accompanied by the band of
the Suffolk Regiment, over two
hundred members of various
units of the Volunteer Corps car-
ried out a route march through
the Western District last night.

Leaving Volunteer Headquarters
at 8.30 p.m., the column pro-
ceeded to Des Vœux Road Central
by way of Statue Square, where
the Cenotaph was accorded full
honours.

Turning off at the Western
Market, the march was continued
along the West Praya until the
Kam Ling Hotel was reached,
when a short halt was made.

The column returned to Head-
quarters by way of Queen's Road
West and Central, the lively air
played by the band, and the good
turn out of the Volunteers at-
tracting many thousands of
Chinese spectators who lined
the footpaths at the side of the
road.

MUDFORD.

LAST CHANCE FOR THE PUBLIC.

TO-MORROW'S COUNCIL MEETING.

In connection with the "Mud-
ford" Town Council which has
aroused such interest both within
the European Y.M.C.A. where
the campaign has been waged
and in circles without, we are
asked to state that an entirely
new element has been introduced
into the full "Town Council"
meeting which is being held at
the building in Kowloon to-mor-
row night at 9 o'clock.

A most attractive programme
has been arranged in which
Messrs. Munn and Long, who
headed the poll, have promised to
maintain the standard of humour
which characterised the meetings
of the Socialists throughout the
election campaign.

A convenient method has been
found of disposing of thoroughly
businesslike lines of the schemes
which, although they formed the
basis of the election, have al-
ready been done full justice to.

Each member of the Council
(twelve in all) will represent a
type.

The public is cordially invited
to attend the proceedings which
will not be long and in which full
opportunities will be given for the
ventilation of the wit which was
such a happy feature of the elec-
tion.

The Mayor (Rev. J. H. John-
ston) will preside.

ARE THEY LIABLE?

TEXAS CO. & "CRACKED"
PARAPET.

HOUSE THAT "LEAKED."

If a Company engaged in the
treatment of roofs for rendering
them watertight gives a guar-
antee to "make a thoroughly
satisfactory job," are they bound
by that agreement whatever de-
fects or lack of proper provision
there may be in the construction
of the parapet to the roof?

This was the point raised in
the Summary Court yesterday in
the continued hearing of the case
in which the Texas Company sue
Mr. A. J. Laney, civil engineer
and architect, for work done on
a house at No. 4, Liberty Avenue
viz. the provision of two coats of
"Texacoat."

Mr. Armstrong, for plaintiffs,
contends that the plaintiffs were
not liable to make the house
watertight if there were defects
that did not come within their
province.

The owner of the house gave
evidence and said that in the
heavy rains of July his house
was flooded. He had refused to
pay for the water-proofing work
until it had been completed pro-
perly.

Mr. Karl Henry Robinson,
market assistant for the Texas
Company spoke of having in-
spected the building after the
rainstorm. Cracks in the para-
pet had developed and it was due
to this that there had been leak-
age into the house.

The case was adjourned until
Thursday morning.

FOR CHARITY.

SUCCESSFUL SALE AT HELENA MAY.

In aid of local and London
charities, the Victoria Branch of
the Mothers' Union held a suc-
cessful sale of work yesterday at
the Helena May Institute.

Stalls were stocked with a
variety of fancy and useful
articles of apparel and of edibles
which all met with a ready sale.
Lady Clementi, as one of the
patronesses, worked untiringly
for the success of the sale, sup-
ported by Mrs. Duppy, as presi-
dent of the Mothers' Union, Mrs.
Hunt and other officials of the
organisation.

Thanks are due for gifts from
the British American Tobacco
Company, Messrs. Calbeck Mc-
Gregor, Kayamally, Wing On, and
a number of members of the
Mothers' Union and sympathis-
ers, for fruits, flowers, sweets
and sundries.

The secretary, Mrs. Noll and
the Treasurer, Mrs. Olton, who
were responsible for the organ-
isation and commendable display,
are to be congratulated on the
success of the sale, which means
so much to the very deserving
charities to which the Union
makes a yearly contribution.

The death has occurred at
Northampton of Mrs. Jane Gaw-
thorne, the mother of Mr. Peter
Gawthorne, the actor, and Mr.
H. G. Gawthorne, the poster
artist. Mrs. Gawthorne was
eighty years of age.

HANKOW FOLLIES.

Employees' Sweet Reasonableness.

ABSURD DEMANDS.

Banks To Operate By Grace of the Union.

Chinese employees of the foreign banks in Hankow, now organized into a union under the auspices of the Red administration, have just presented their employers with a list of 27 demands which are, for the most part, so absurd that they challenge credulity and would not be replaced if there were not assurances from the best possible authorities that the authors are by no means perpetrating a joke but take themselves and their wants quite seriously. The following is an abridged translation done by a competent person:

- (1) No employee can be dismissed unless he has committed misdemeanors (stealing money), nor unless the dismissal is approved by the Union.
- (2) The bank shall grant full travelling expenses to those employees who have completed one year's service, and who would remain after one year. Those employees who remain after a period exceeding one year shall receive three months' salary after two years, four months' salary after three years, five months' salary after four years, etc.
- (3) The bank shall not be allowed to close without the authorization of the Union.
- (4) Employees can only be recruited from the Union.
- (5) Beyond the fixed office hours, all employees shall receive one day's salary for every two hours' work overtime.
- (6) All employees shall wear the uniform of the bank (uniform includes overcoat, shoes, etc.).
- (7) Medical expenses paid.
- (8) Forty days' leave every year (travelling and sickness excluded). In the case of a death of marriage of their relatives, employees shall be granted one month's leave on full pay. In the case of sickness of an employee indefinite leave on full pay.
- (9) Those employees who have not taken 40 days' leave shall receive 40 days' salary (additional). Those who take their leave, shall receive full travelling expenses, in addition to their pay, etc.
- (10) The bank shall be required to create a Provident Fund: employees will deposit 10 per cent. of their salary; the bank will add a sum equivalent and will guarantee a minimum interest of 30 per cent. All employees will be entitled to 10 per cent. of the net profits of the bank.
- (11) Employees will receive \$15 monthly (food expenses) and \$20 monthly (rent allowance).
- (12) Premium on Relations.
- (13) On the occasion of the wedding or death of a relative, the employee will receive \$200.
- (14) Pension: Employees who have been invalided will be entitled to their full salary for life.
- (15) After 20 years' service full salary.
- (16) Between 15 and 20 years' service 3/10 salary.
- (17) Between 10 and 15 years' service 2/10 salary.
- (18) An employee who has worked in a bank for seven years will be entitled to one year's salary; after 13 years, two years' salary; after 18 years, three years' salary and so on.
- (19) Should a bank be forced to close, each employee will be entitled to one year's salary.
- (20) Married employees shall be entitled to \$20 extra (monthly).
- (21) Clothes, luggage, etc., belonging to the employees shall be insured by the bank.
- (22) The above stipulations do not cover those banks which are willing to grant to their employees still better conditions.
- (23) The Union has the right to

alter the present rules whenever it thinks advisable to do so.

(24) The banks must accept the demands of the employees, if the Union is of the opinion that they should be granted.

Beneficial Conveniences.
(25) Employees shall be allowed to request the banks to abolish or to modify what they might consider as harmful to them; for instance, heating, electric fans, newspapers, etc.

(26) Native employees are free from all responsibility.

(27) Native employees shall be treated on an equal footing.

(28) Employees cannot be used for other purposes than those for which they are employed.

(29) The above rules shall be enforced from January 1, 1927.

Pay of employees:
Minimum salary Tls. 67.

Employees at Tls. 10 increase of Tls. 57.

Employees at Tls. 10 to 25 increase of Tls. 55.

Employees at Tls. 26 to 40 increase of Tls. 55.

Employees at Tls. 41 to 55 increase of Tls. 54.

Employees at Tls. 56 to 70 increase of Tls. 54.

Employees at Tls. 71 to 85 increase of Tls. 52.

Increase of pay: Tls. 10 (monthly) once a year (minimum). Apprentices will draw Tls. 30 (monthly) with an annual increase.

(30) On the occasion of every half-yearly balancing of the books all employees will be entitled to three months' extra pay.

(31) Twice a year (end of June and December) they will receive one month's extra pay.



George B. Cortelyou, of New York, Secretary of Commerce and Labour under President McKinley, who was recently in Washington to observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Bureau of Standards, the central point of the government's scientific interests. The bureau is under the department of Commerce, and Mr. Cortelyou played an important part in its establishment.

ROAD CRASH.

GUARDS OFFICER'S FATAL RIDE.

London, Feb. 7.

Lieut. Coghill, a Scots Guards subaltern of Aldershot, was killed when a touring car driven by another subaltern in the same regiment, Lieut. M. St. John Barne, overturned on the Portsmouth Road six miles from barracks about four o'clock on Sunday during the return journey from London. Both officers are under 21.

MR. JOHN BRAMLEY.

An educationalist well known in the West of England has passed away in the person of Mr. John Bramley in his 70th year. He was for fifty years a Wesleyan local preacher, and was mainly responsible for the erection of the handsome church at Stonehouse, Glos. He was a Justice of the Peace for Gloucestershire.

The direct railway service between Riga and Vladivostok, 6,800 miles, which was stopped ten years ago when the Germans captured Riga during the war, has been resumed under a Russian-Latvian agreement which has been in negotiation for two years. This journey over the world's longest railway line will occupy 18 days, and there will be one journey a week each way. It is expected that in the summer two journeys a week each way will be made.

Y.M.C.A. ACTIVITIES.

FIRST ANNUAL KOWLOON MEETING.

A REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

The first annual meeting of the European Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, was held at the building yesterday, Sir Henry Pollock K.C. presiding, supported by Mr. A. S. D. Cousland (Vice President) and Mr. J. H. Hunt, Secretary.

Among those present were Mr. Paul Lauder, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Mr. T. G. Weall, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Mr. W. L. Pattenden and the Rev. J. H. Johnston.

The Chairman, after the reading of the annual report by the Secretary, referred to the success of the year's work as disclosed by the report. This was largely due to the untiring activities of Mr. Hunt (applause).

The report had disclosed a great diversity of subjects in which members had taken a keen interest, and this was just what an association such as theirs should set out to do.

The Chairman also referred to the appointments that had been made to cope with the expansion of the work, that of Mr. Ingram in connection with the Services and of Mr. P. Sands to assist Mr. Hunt in the residential part of the work.

"Bring In More Members."

Referring to the finances, the Chairman said that although there was a balance of nearly \$3,000 standing to the current account there was still a liability of about \$15,000 to be met. No provision had been made for renewals and depreciation.

The members had found the Y.M.C.A. in Kowloon a very pleasant meeting place and he hoped that those who had appreciated the benefits of membership would do all in their power to bring in fresh members. The Association required new members and an increase in revenue to pay off what was owed and to allow for renewals and depreciation.

In the course of discussion on the report and accounts, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald pointed out that the rules regarding the report and accounts only provided for the "consideration" of them by the annual meeting. The meeting had no power to pass them.

The Chairman indicated that this was the case and that they were bound by the rules.

A member suggested that the rule should be amended and the Chairman said that whilst he did not know what view the Directors would take, he would give their consideration to the point.

The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, the Rev. H. Copley Moyle and Mr. W. L. Pattenden were re-elected directors.

The First Report.

The report, covering the period from Nov. 15, 1925 to Dec. 31, 1926, states:

Opening of the building at Kowloon.—The official opening ceremony took place on November 25, 1925, in the presence of a large company of the residents of the Colony. The Hon. Sir Henry E. Pollock, K.C., President of the Y.M.C.A., in commencing the proceedings described the premises and outlined the aims of the Association; in the course of his remarks he thanked the Chinese Y.M.C.A. for the gift of a mirror, commemorative of the occasion. H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., who was accompanied by Lady Clementi, then spoke in very appreciative terms of the Y.M.C.A. and its world-wide work, after which he declared the building open. His Excellency kindly consented to be the Patron of the Association. The late Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Vice-President, gave the history of the Association in Hong Kong and explained the plans for its extension. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, minister of the Union Church, Hong Kong, also spoke. The prayer of dedication was offered by the Rev. Rev. the Bishop of Victoria.

Association Activities.—The Association provides a good club for the young men of the Colony in accordance with the well known principles of the Y.M.C.A.

The programme was outlined by the secretary at a reception of members on Dec. 10, 1925. Members' committees were duly appointed and in the following month the activities commenced.

Literary and Debating Club.—The committee is encouraged by the interest of the members in this important branch of the activities of the Association. The members are grateful for the opportunity offered to improve their powers of public speaking and the ventilation of their views on the subjects chosen. Seven events, comprising four debates, a mock trial, which was open to the public, and two toast nights, formed the programme for the period under review. At the mock trial, 25 members took part, while at one toast night 18 members spoke. The average attendance at the debates was 40.

Quiet Hour.—This meeting is held in the lounge on Sunday evenings at 9 o'clock. The members are indebted to the many speakers who have given of their best to make these meetings a real source of help and inspiration.

Cantonese Class.—Last winter a class for those wishing to learn Cantonese was held three times a week, attended by 15 members. For various reasons it is not possible to restart the class this winter.

Camera Club.—A successful exhibition of photographs and a lecture on the subject were held under the auspices of this club. It is hoped to repeat these events shortly.

Social.—Regular social events were arranged by the social committee.

Ladies' Nights are held once a month during the winter and have proved extremely popular. This event takes the form of an entertainment, preceded by a special dinner. Opportunity is thus afforded the members to invite their friends into the Association building. On many occasions over 160 members and guests attended dinner and a much larger number the entertainment. The thanks of the Association are extended to the ladies and gentlemen who have helped to make these guest nights so enjoyable.

Two dances have taken place in the lounge. The available space is very restricted but in spite of this handicap the dancers managed to have good times.

Billiards.—The tables are much used by members and several tournaments have been created increased interest. A shield has been presented for inter-floor competitions and a silver cup has been kindly offered for the Association championship which has yet to be decided.

Ping-pong.—Two tables are now available for this game. Several tournaments among the members and also with outside teams have been successfully carried through.

Informal Sing-songs are occasionally held in the lounge at which members can give full expression to their abilities as singers and musicians.

Sports.—Owing to the lack of a sports ground regular fixtures are not possible but many matches have been played with very encouraging results.

Hockey has proved popular and it is hoped that a ground may be secured for next season so that the Y.M.C.A. may run regular teams.

Football matches have been played against Naval teams. Thanks are due to the Kowloon Football Club and the Hong Kong Hockey Club for the use of their grounds.

Bowls.—On November 6, the Y.M.C.A. played its first bowling match with the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, resulting in a victory for the Association.

Golf.—On the occasion of the opening of the new club house at the Kowloon Golf Club, the Association played a whole day competition and although it lost on points this event was greatly enjoyed by all taking part in it.

Rambles.—The beauties of the Colony have been revealed to the members who have participated in the rambles to places of interest. Some of the high hills have been climbed and plans are afoot for further conquests.

Bathing Parties.—During the summer months regular parties were arranged and by means of launches the finest bathing beaches were reached. At these parties the members invited their lady and gentleman friends, on some occasions the numbers exceeding 80.

Library.—The library, as it is at present, is divided into four sections: fiction, miscellaneous, reference, sea-going. Each of these sections is of the open access type; they can be used at all hours of the day, there being a register for recording the books withdrawn.

The library comprises 1,280 volumes: fiction 738, miscellaneous 331, reference 143. During the period under review, 4,222 volumes were taken out by members. The proportion of miscellaneous to fiction taken out is about 1 to 5.

Residential Quarters.—It is fortunate that a large proportion of the building was planned as residential quarters because the great demand for such accommodation has proved the pressing need of it. The first residents occupied 12 rooms on Nov. 15, 1925, and on Dec. 1, all the rooms on the 3rd and 4th floors were taken. Such has been the demand that only through the unexpected departure of a resident has a room been vacant for more than a few days. There are now 62 permanent residents. 20 beds on the 2nd floor are reserved for Service men and casual visitors.

Non-Residents' Section.—This section, together with the non-members' section, takes the whole time services of a secretary. It is mostly composed of officers of the Merchant Marine. Up to December 31, 113 members have been enrolled mainly through the visitation of the ships by the secretary in charge of this section. Approximately 270 ships were visited and many more would have received attention but for the unfortunate illness of the secretary. The number of Mercantile Marine officers who have stayed in the building is 200. Many of these officers have been preparing and sitting for their examinations and have appreciated the quiet surroundings found in the Association.

Non-Members' Section.—Certain parts of the building are reserved for the free use of service men. Since the arrival of reinforcements for both the Navy and the Army the building has been taxed to its utmost to accommodate the large number of men who come along to enjoy the facilities offered. Billiards, ping-pong and other games are very popular, whilst there is a steadily increasing demand for meals, hot baths and sleeping quarters. Numerous games of hockey, football, tennis and billiards have been arranged. Rambling parties have also been appreciated.

On Christmas Day the members of the Association entertained over 70 Service men to a special dinner, followed by football and hockey matches in the afternoon and in the evening an entertainment was attended by a large number.

A letter of appreciation on behalf of the members of the American Fleet which recently visited Hong Kong was received from the U.S. Naval Chaplain. Most of the Naval ships have been visited and a marked response has been the outcome. During the whole year the most encouraging feature has been the cordial reception accorded the secretary visiting the ships; Naval and Mercantile, and there is every indication of appreciation of the efforts of the Y.M.C.A. to meet the needs of those who visit this port.

General.—Among the many visitors the Association has received during the year have been the following:—

Major Frank Young, President, English Y.M.C.A. National Council, who presented a portrait of Sir George Williams, the founder of the movement, to the Association.

Dr. John R. Mott, general secretary, Y.M.C.A. International Committee, New York, who was entertained by the board at dinner and gave an excellent address on the opportunities of the Y.M.C.A. throughout the world. Dr. Mott inspected the building and expressed his entire approval of it.

Mr. Fletcher Brockman, Y.M.C.A. International Committee, an old friend of the Y.M.C.A. in Hong Kong.

Mr. T. C. Reynolds, Chairman, Australian Y.M.C.A. National Committee.

Sir Arthur K. Yapp, national secretary, and Mr. T. R. Ponsford, foreign work secretary, both of the English Y.M.C.A. National Council. They were entertained by the board and addressed the members at a special meeting. Sir Arthur has since written saying how pleased he was with all he saw here.

It is with deep regret the board records the loss by death of two of its members: the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Dr. J. C. Dalmaoy.

Mr. Holyoak, who was the Vice-President of the Association, had been associated with the Y.M.C.A. in Hong Kong for over twenty years and rendered great service by his untiring interest over such a long period.

Mr. A. S. D. Cousland has since been appointed Vice-President.

Finance.—It is satisfactory to note that the receipts from November, 1925, to Dec. 31, 1926, more than balance the expenses, but on the other hand there is a liability of about \$15,000 and until this is met the board is unable to provide for renewals and depreciation.

Membership.—On Dec. 31, 1926: members, resident in the Colony, 159; absent members, 20; non-resident (sea-going), 115. Total 295.

In concluding this report the directors wish to thank all those who have by their service and gifts helped to further the work of the Y.M.C.A. in this its first year in its new building, and in the words of H.E. the Governor, on the occasion of the stone laying, they will continue their efforts "in the confident hope that the work of the institution will redound to the advantage of the community and the glory of Almighty God."

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SENATOR'S WIFE.

"SNOBBERY" IN PHILIPPINES CRITICISED.

New York, Jan. 8.

The snobbery of United States officials in the Philippines is America's most serious national blunder there, says Frances Parkinson Keyes, wife of Senator Henry Wilder Keyes, Republican senator from New Hampshire, writing in the "Nation."

Mrs. Keyes, who recently visited the Philippines, found to her astonishment, she says, that wives of United States officials who have lived four years in the Philippines have never entered a Filipino home. She adds:

"The Spaniard, with all his faults as a colonist, did not shut his eyes to the fact that the Philippines were producing men and women of culture, refinement and intellect, and mingled with them socially as a matter of course. The American colonist, loudly proclaiming his superiority, refuses to do anything of the kind."

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Charged with stabbing a woman with a knife, a Chinese was remanded in Police custody until to-morrow morning by Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. Ko Leong-hoe, managing director of the Ho Hong Bank Ltd., Hong Kong, left to-day for Shanghai by the "Empress of Russia" to attend the formal opening of the Bank's new branch there which has been arranged to take place on Feb. 23.

Five of the six Chinese Roman Catholic Bishops, recently consecrated by the Pontiff at St. Peter's, Rome, are due to arrive in the Colony on the M.M. s.s. "Porthos." According to a Reuter message to hand on Saturday last, the sixth Bishop, Monseigneur Chiu, left Marseilles on Friday on a Norddeutscher-Lloyd vessel.

The case in which a Chinese is charged with receiving \$10,000 in lieu of \$1,000 upon presentation of a cheque at the Bank of Canton was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon. After hearing further evidence for the prosecution his Worship adjourned the case until Friday afternoon.

The principal reason, though several others are mentioned, for the delay in the arrival of the Bombay weekly mail, given by Lord Inchcape in a letter to the "Daily Telegraph," is the inferior foreign coal consumed either by the liners or tenders for which the vessels had to wait on the way. Lord Inchcape, concluding, hopes that the coal difficulty will soon end, and that the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company's steamers in future will be able to give the usual regular six in the morning arrivals in Bombay on Fridays.

A measure is to be introduced into the Malayan Federal Council with the object of protecting the Boy Scouts Association by prohibiting unauthorised persons from selling or wearing badges or falsely claiming to be connected with such an Association. It further provides a penalty for Boy Scouts attempting by virtue of their badges to exercise authority otherwise than in accordance with the rules of their Local Association. In form it follows the Colonial Ordinance introduced into the Straits Legislative Council last year.

Tuesday's return of local notifiable disease comprised two cases of small pox and a case of diphtheria (all Chinese) and a case of diphtheria (British). All the patients are from the Kowloon district.

Ten New York firemen, including Fire Chief Kenlou miraculously escaped death when the top floor collapsed in a blaze which did \$1,000,000 damage to a building on Broadway opposite the Hotel Ansonia.



Sir Eric Drummond, secretary of the League of Nations, who, according to London reports, will shortly be appointed British Ambassador at Washington, to succeed Sir Esme Howard. Sir Esme has been in England for some time on a "vacation."

Judgment was given in the Summary Court this morning in the undefended case by the Chee Lee Co. of Connaught Road West against the Hop Hing Cheong Co. of Chiu Loong Street for \$470.95. The claim was for goods sold and delivered. Mr. C. A. S. Russ was for plaintiffs.

A Rangoon message says that Mr. Norman Jackson, first manager of Messrs. Steel Brothers, has died from a stab wound, in camp near Primmana. He was attacked and stabbed by Burmese elephant mahouts while investigating the latter's insubordinate conduct. Three mahouts have been arrested.

Another dance will be held at the Peak Club on Saturday, March 12, beginning at 9.15 p.m. There will be a late (Peak) tram at 12.30 a.m. Members and subscribers can obtain tickets from the No. 1 box at \$2 per person.

The International Education Board of New York, one of Mr. J. D. Rockefeller's foundations, has offered the University of Edinburgh \$74,000 towards the cost of a new Department of Zoology in the University. The offer has been gratefully accepted.

Louis Ebert, a 19-year-old Eurasian, of Penang, who is walking round the world, arrived at Karachi on January 13. He left Penang on August 13, 1925, and has walked through Malaya, Siam, French Indo-China, China, Japan, Burma and India. He is now going through Asia Minor to Europe.

According to the Italian newspapers, the Military Advocate-General has ordered Miss Violet Gibson, who made an attempt on Signor Mussolini's life, to be transferred from prison to a mental home near Rome. All definite measures with regard to her trial have consequently been suspended.

The two arms seizures effected by officers of the Imports and Exports Department on Sunday had their sequel at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when the mistresses of the two junks involved were formally charged before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth. After hearing evidence of arrest, his Worship adjourned both cases until Friday.

Two live eels wriggled into the limelight at a fire at the Kallian Mining Administration building at Tientsin when the British Fire Brigade was called out. The fire was easily extinguished but a strange incident occurred when two fish suddenly fell squirming to the ground from some water that was dashed on to the flames. They were eels, and they twisted and wriggled a rare dance, to which performance the fire-fighters spared not a few glances of admiration. That the eels were singed in the flames and that the brigade subsequently regaled themselves with an eel breakfast, is officially characterised as a malicious rumour.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Miss K. M. Allen, of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank, sailed on the "Empress of Russia" to-day. She is travelling to Europe via Canada.

The "Empress of Russia" took away a long passenger list to-day including the Shanghai Chinese (Eastern China) Interport football team and Dr. Yung.

Mrs. Buxton, the mother of Mr. R. C. Tredwell, the American Consul-General in Hong Kong, was a passenger on the outgoing "Empress of Russia" to-day.

The Countess of Seafield and her mother, Nina Lady Seafield, are shortly leaving Hong Kong on a trip to Burma, Siam, and the Malay States. The young countess is one of the largest land-owners in Scotland and comes of age next year.

Says a Shanghai paper: Mr. J. R. Johnstone, who won most of the local swimming championships last season, returned to Shanghai last Tuesday on the str. "Mantua," after a stay of some five months in his native Hong Kong, where he contracted typhoid, from which he is now happily recovered.

Sir Norman Walker of the British Medical Council, who is now in Madras accompanied by Colonel Needham, to enquire into the standard of medical education in the country, had an interview with the Minister in charge of the Medical portfolio. Sir Norman Walker also visited the General Hospital and the Medical College and inspected the Government Ophthalmic Hospital and the Women and Children's Hospital.

Deaths announced at Home in mail week include:—Dr. E. S. Pagmore, chief medical officer at Croydon Mental Hospital, Warrington, since the opening of the institution in 1903; Mr. Sidney Howard Lamb, senior partner of Messrs. Lamb and Gold, stock brokers of Croydon; E. G. Mr. Henry Riley, head of Messrs. Henry Riley and Sons, Ltd., an old established music firm of Birmingham, aged 73, and a former president of the Music Trade Association of Great Britain; and Sir John Scott-Kelke, who for 23 years was secretary of the Royal Geographical Society and wrote largely on geographical and scientific subjects.

The engagement is announced of Mr. E. H. Adams, A.R.I.B.A., to Miss T. E. Humphrey, both of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire.

Among the passengers on the northbound "Empress of Russia," sailed from Hong Kong to-day, were Miss G. A. Looker; Mrs. G. Arnold for Shanghai; Dr. M. Gomery; Mr. C. R. Powrie; Mrs. Gordon Yates.

Miss Paterson had a great send-off by the girls of the Diocesan Girls' School when she sailed from Hong Kong yesterday on the "Changta" (bound for Manila and Australia ports). She has been on the school's teaching staff for some time.



The beautiful Countess of Athlone, whose husband has one of the most enviable of records in the Army, is one of the most popular members of British society. The bandage of precious gems which she is wearing in this picture is valued at more than \$20,000.

Captain W. C. Weston sailed on the "Empress of Russia" to-day for Yokohama, to take up the post of Marine Surveyor to Lloyd's Agent there. He is an outstanding figure on the China Coast. After war service he commanded the "Tat" in the Hong Kong Bank relief ship for the Japan earthquake. Recently he had the "King" and he is the author of "Weston's Practical Navigation."

Mr. P. Chichgar, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Henderson were among the passengers who returned to Hong Kong yesterday on the "President McKinley" from Manila.

Dr. Solf, German Ambassador to Japan, returned to Tokyo from home, with his daughter, just in time to attend the imperial funeral services, at which he represented the President of the Reich.

Major-General P. Warming (who is a Dane) of the Siamese Government, left Hong Kong yesterday accompanied by his secretary, Colonel Phya Vichai, for Manila on the s.s. "Changta." These two officers have travelled from Bangkok on an official mission to the Philippines.

Mr. H. W. Burgess, superintendent engineer of the Canadian Pacific Steamships Co., left Hong Kong on the "Empress of Russia" to-day, bound for Vancouver, accompanied by Mrs. Burgess. Mr. Burgess has been in Hong Kong in connection with the annual overhaul here of the "Empress" liners.

Dr. C. Douglas Gray, newly appointed medical director of the Country Hospital, has arrived in Shanghai to take up his post there. Besides his exceptional ability as the executive head of such an institution, Dr. Gray comes to Shanghai fully equipped for dealing with medical conditions in the Far East through a long residence in Peking where for 25 years he was medical officer in the Foreign Office Service of the British Legation.

Property in Hong Kong to the value of \$578,000 was left by Lady Mody, widow of Sir Hormusji Nowroji Mody, formerly of Hong Kong, and Bombay, letters of administration in respect of whose will have now been granted. A number of bequests of Hong Kong shares are made to her daughter Sirinbai, wife of Nussorwanji Jamsetji Dady. Legacies are given to a number of relatives and the trustees are directed to expend and apply the sum of Rs. 10,000 for such religious and charitable objects for the benefit of the Parsi community of Hong Kong, including the Bhai Rajgar and Chamber Fund, as they shall in their discretion think proper.

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SPORTS SECTION

CHAMPION BEATEN.

FIDEL LA BARBA LOSES ON POINTS.
DOWN SEVERAL TIMES.

Boston, Feb. 15.
In a ten round contest, Johnny Vacca beat Fidel La Barba (flyweight) boxing champion of the world on points.
No title was involved.
La Barba received a left hook to the jaw in the first round, to be knocked off his feet for the first time in his career.
He arose and had hardly staggered to his feet at the count of nine when a right smothered him for a count of five.
He had just recovered his balance when a left hook returned him to the canvas for another count of nine amidst the wildest excitement.
Only La Barba's finger saved him from a worse fate. Vacca rocked him with terrific punches. —Reuter's American Service.

LADIES' GOLF.

"INTERNATIONAL" MATCH AT FANLING.
SCORES IN DETAIL.

An interesting ladies' match was played on the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club old course at Fanling yesterday between teams of ten-a-side representing Scotland and Ireland v. England and the Rest.
The conditions were no handicap with 3 points for a win. Scotland and Ireland won by 8 points to 2. Details are as follows:—

Scotland & Ireland.	England & the Rest.
Mrs. Ratsey (3 & 1) 1	Mrs. Emmott 0
Mrs. Gilmore (2 & 1) 1	Mrs. Rowley 0
Mrs. Richmond (2 up) 1	Mrs. Somerville 0
Mrs. Maitland 0	Mrs. Oliver (1 up) 1
Mrs. Cassidy (2 & 1) 1	Mrs. Pierce 0
Mrs. Parker (1 up) 1	Miss Dyer 0
Mrs. Whyte (1 up) 1	Miss Lewis 0
Mrs. Tottenham (4 & 3) 1	Mrs. Jones 0
Mrs. Murray 0	Mrs. Dowdell (4 & 3) 1
Mrs. Cameron (2 & 1) 1	Mrs. Horrell 0
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Adamson Cup.

Nine players took out cards in the Adamson Cup February qualifying competition of the R.H.K.G.C. at Happy Valley.
P. Morrison qualified with a score of 95 (minus handicap 22), equals 73.

Next best scores were—A. B. Clarke 99 (24) 75, J. Linn 91 (14) 77, E. Moore 95 (15) 80.

BOXING.

STOKER MORRIS WILLING TO FIGHT.

IRON BUX'S CHALLENGE.

Although Stoker Norman Morris is willing to box Iron Bux for the middleweight championship of the Colony and a side-stake of \$500, he is prevented from accepting Bux's challenge.

Morris, however, is willing to meet any welterweight or middleweight in Hong Kong, with a side-stake if necessary, under the auspices of the Hong Kong Boxing Association.

Bux is a "local boy" who achieved fame as a bantam and featherweight before going to Manila where increasing weight has put him in the heavier classes.
Morris won the middleweight championship of the Colony, and Mr. R. M. Dyer's belt at the last tournament by knocking out his shipmate, Able Seaman-Ewin.

LEAGUE-CRICKET.

The following will represent the Civil Service C.C. in a league cricket match on the Hong Kong C.C. ground at 2 p.m., on Saturday—B. D. Evans (capt.), C. R. Sayer, F. J. de Rome, E. C. Fincher, P. J. Ling, R. C. Wickett, A. E. Wood, E. W. Hamilton, F. E. Lawrence, F. Baker, F. H. Holdman.

C.S.C.C. 2nd v. H.K.C.C. 2nd.
The following will represent the Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI against the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI on the C.S.C.C. ground at 2.05 p.m., on Saturday—J. H. B. Nihill (capt.), A. R. Sutherland, H. E. Strang, H. F. Westlake, A. W. Grimmer, G. H. Hallam, H. F. Harper, R. S. W. Paterson, R. R. Davies, W. F. J. Gorvin, C. Sara. Reserve—P. P. O'Neill.

The following will represent the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI—P. Jacks, H. J. Armstrong, H. C. Burgess, W. B. Cornaby, G. P. Lammert, P. T. Orr, H. E. Standage, H. J. Stevenson, J. A. Summers, C. D. Wales, W. Wooding.

GAME'S THE THING.

MR. NG SZE-KWONG ON SPORT.

INTERPORT SOCCER.

An address which amounted to "the game's the thing" was given by Mr. Ng Sze-kwong when presiding over the Chinese Interport football dinner in the South China restaurant last night.

Mr. Ng Sze-kwong has been several times lawn tennis singles champion of the Colony and is also a keen cricketer.

"Every sportsman who goes to see a match does so not so much to see one team defeat the other as to see a clean and sporting game," said Mr. Ng.

Lee Hysan Cup.

Mr. Lee Hysan has presented a beautiful cup for ten years' competition between North, South, East and West China, the division winning most times in that period to become eventual holders.

Dr. C. C. Young of the National Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation replied.

Mr. Wong Kam-yin proposed the toast of the other guests. Mr. A. T. Hamilton, in replying, spoke about the time of 25 years ago when no Chinese played soccer in Hong Kong and how in 1910 a local team got up by him won the championship at Nanking.

Trophies Presented.

The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa (President, Club de Recreio), Mr. Lee Hon-kam (manager of the Hong Kong Chinese team) and the Rev. Alexander, C. F. (representing the United Services) also spoke.

The Lee Hysan Cup and the East China flag were handed to the local captain, Lam Yuk-ying and Li Wai-long (the Shanghai skipper) received a souvenir for his team.

Dr. Young also made a presentation to Mr. Wong Kam-yin.

At the conclusion, the gathering went to Lee Gardens as guests of Mr. Lee Hysan.

W. M. PONSFORD.

DECLINES OFFER FROM LANCASHIRE.

Melbourne, Jan. 26.
W. M. Ponsford (the Victoria and Australian Test match cricketer) has declined the Lancashire offer and enters the service of the "Melbourne Herald."

A portion of his duty is to write cricket articles, and to visit schools and country districts with a view to discovering and encouraging young talent.

Earlier messages stated:—Ponsford has accepted Sir Basil Parkinson's offer of an important position in Lancashire, enabling him to play for Blackpool as an amateur.

41 Per Ruh.

The Australian Board of Control has entered strong protest to the English authorities in an endeavour to secure joint action to prevent similar occurrences following future cricket tours.

Following upon a meeting of enthusiasts at the Melbourne ground an unofficial committee was appointed to formulate a scheme to induce Ponsford, who has virtually decided to join Blackpool, to remain in Australia.

It was suggested that a fund of £5,000, equal to a sovereign for every run that Ponsford has scored in first-class cricket, should be raised.

TENNIS TEST.

BRITISH LADIES DRAW AT CAPE TOWN.

Cape Town, Jan. 26.

The first Test match between the British lady lawn tennis tourists and South Africa was commenced under a hot and glaring sun. A large attendance of spectators included the Earl and Countess of Athlone.

Miss Joan Fry (Great Britain) beat Miss Heine, 1/6, 6/2, 6/3.

Mrs. Peacock (South Africa) beat Mrs. Watson, 6/3, 1/6, 6/3.

Miss E. H. Harvey and Mrs. McIlquham (Great Britain) beat Miss Heine and Mrs. Hall, 6/3, 1/6, 12/10.

Mrs. Peacock and Mrs. MacArthur (South Africa) beat Miss Saunders and Miss Dix, 6/4, 7/5.

NEW RECORD.

INDOOR POLE JUMP FEAT.

New York, Feb. 15.

Sabin Carr of Yale University broke the indoor pole jump record with a jump of 13 feet 9 1/4 inches. —Reuter's American Service.

A syndicate is being formed in Johannesburg to get Suzanne Lenglen and Mary Browne to visit South Africa next May. For some time past negotiations have been in progress, and it is understood that the French player will be free to accept the contract in about two months' time.

REFEREE'S PART.

ABLE TO MAKE OR MAR SOCCER.

TWO KINDS OF FOULS.

The subject of rough play in the series of Interport soccer matches having cropped up in Club gossip in relation to the part a referee plays, the following remarks by Mr. Jack Boyer, the youngest director in Home football, are very appropriate. Says Mr. Boyer:—

Of all the people connected with football, there is none of more importance than the referee. This official is what might be termed the "controlling agent" of the game. The direct result of his work is that either the match he is in charge of is a really bright exciting game or that it is nothing but a miserable fiasco.

An Age Limit?

It is the opinion of the managers of the big clubs that the referee of to-day should not exceed a certain age. The fast football now played demands absolute fitness in the referee. They also consider that preference in making the appointments should always be given to an official who has played

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Those who have entered for the Hong Kong Cricket annual lawn tennis tournament (open singles and doubles), to begin next month, are asked to note the advertisement on page 12.

the game, as the knowledge that has been gained by an ex-player, especially of the finer points of the game, must be greater than that of the man who has never kicked a ball in his life.

It has often occurred to me what excellent officials could be found among some of the older "star" players, men of irreproachable character, who necessarily know more of the game than any theorist.

Right Man With Whistle.

It is an acknowledged fact in boxing circles that the most competent referee is the man who has actively participated in the sport, either as an amateur or professional. Then why not in football?

The F.A. have peculiar views on the question of the ex-professional player. The only famous former I can call to mind who is on the Association's list of referees is Bob Steel, of Tottenham Hotspur fame, and a right good man he has proved with the whistle.

The recent experience of two well-known referees—Mr. Herbert Bamlett and Mr. Harry Carlisle—who have relinquished their duties on the field of play for the more worrying task of club management are interesting, by the way.

Both Middlesbrough and Brentford, the clubs who are under their respective control, are having a really good season, and both are likely to have a big voice in the promotion question in their Leagues.

Personality Counts.

One of the greatest assets the official in charge of a game can possess is personality. There are many referees on the League list who are so favoured. Often in a dressing-room prior to the match a player is heard to say, "Mind your behaviour to-day, so-and-so is in charge." This shows the moral control such an official exercises over his charges.

One referee I have in mind, who is noted for his firm handling of matches, is practically a dwarf in stature, and the way he lectured a big giant half-back the other day for what he termed "ungentlemanly behaviour" on the field was not without its humorous side, though it had the desired effect.

Not only does the strong referee keep the game completely under his control, but he is more often than not responsible for the good behaviour of the spectators.

Trifling Offences.

"Nothing annoys a crowd more than the use of the whistle for trifling reasons for which the game should never be stopped. Since the League's attention to the referees on the subject, however, this nuisance has been to a great extent stopped.

It may not be generally known that the clubs, when sending in particulars of their match to the governing body, are always invited to send in their report as to how, in their opinion, the referee has controlled the game. This invitation is always accepted to-day, the clubs being just as generous in their praise of a satisfactory official as they are in notifying any cases of incompetence.

One of the greatest figures in the referees' ranks of recent years was Mr. J. T. Howcroft, who is now not on the active list. He was so popular with the crowds, owing to his efficiency in carrying out his duties, that a special cheer was always given for him directly he made his appearance on the field of play.

A Blot on Football.

What an undignified sight is all too frequently to be seen when a team "mob" the referee in an effort to get him to alter his decision on any point in the game. A referee met with this treatment only recently, the captain of the defending side being the worst offender, repeatedly exclaiming "that was no goal, Ref." The official quietly replied, "Well, don't you count it then," and arranged for the play to proceed.

At the recent inter-University match at Stamford Bridge the vigorous nature of the play was very noticeable, but during the whole 90 minutes' football there

HANKOW DELAY

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desire to improve the lot of the employees, appear on the whole to have tried to meet them.

However, there are numerous evidences of an increasing tendency on the part of Union leaders to over-ride all authority and take the law into their own hands. This is causing the greatest apprehension in view of the extent to which capital is being penalised and industrial enterprise rendered impotent.

Symptomatic of the prevailing economic unrest is the decision of the recently formed Tenants' Union to hold a lantern procession to-morrow night protesting against "outrageous rents and special taxes." The Union is asking the public to refuse to pay February rent until landlords agree to reduce rents and abolish key-money.

MOSCOW'S POLICY.

How It Suits the Chinese Nationalists.

Commenting on events at Hankow, the "Daily Telegraph" says that it is not surprising to learn that what is described in Peking as the complacency of the officials in London and of the public at home in regard to these events is severely criticised by British residents in the Chinese capital, who point to the serious blow sustained by British prestige in the East.

In any case, what has actually happened cannot be undone by any change in the attitude of the Cantonese Government, under whose eyes not merely these outbreaks, but the long preparation of them took place. If there is in any responsible British quarter a notion of reposing faith in the pledges of Mr. Chen and his colleagues, it must be recalled that the working up of the Hankow mob to the point attained on Monday began last month, and that before Christmas the Russian Bolsheviks Borodin and Gallant were taking the lead with the Cantonese Communists in delivering inflammatory speeches and preparing for the attack.

If the Cantonese Government had the will and the power to prevent that attack, they obviously should have done so; and the question whether they deliberately allowed it or were unable to prevent it is quite immaterial so far as trusting to their subsequent assurances is concerned. To trust to them is utterly impossible, and we may at least take it for granted that the British naval authorities on the spot do not dream of doing so.

The question of the bona fides of the Cantonese Government is relevant only to the policy of dealing with them officially as a de facto authority, in the manner contemplated by the British Memorandum that has had so humiliating a sequel. As to that, it must be repeated that the Hankow mob have done nothing that goes beyond the proclaimed policy of Canton.

For some years that Government have been basing their Nationalist appeal mainly upon furious denunciation of everything British.

Their policy of repudiating the Treaties, taking back the Concessions, and making life impossible for foreigners in China have always been upheld with special and venomous reference to the position of Great Britain.

Barefaced.

It is at this point that the purposes of Canton and Moscow have always been in closest contact. Their ultimate aims are different, no doubt, for Moscow cares no more for the independence of China than for that of Georgia, and the professed Communists are but one section of the Chinese Nationalist movement. But they have from the outset been cordial at one in making the destruction of the British position in China their first objective; and

were only two free kicks given for fouls. Had the same spirit been infused into a league game I do not hesitate to say there would have been ten times that number of free kicks. I must heartily congratulate Capt. Edwards for the admirable way in which he controlled the "Battle of the Blues."

Intention in Foul.

The great point for a referee to consider in making his decisions in cases of "fouls" is the intention of the player. He must judge whether the foul was committed deliberately, or if it was an accidental one—the difference between the two classes of offence is great.

While the game has no room for the player who is given to deliberate foul play, a player should not be blamed for an unintentional foul, as is often the case.

The referee's position is often referred to as a thankless one; but, given the necessary experience and efficiency, there is no reason why he should not enjoy the game as much as anybody else concerned in it.

we have now reached the astonishing position in which, while the representatives of the Soviet regime enjoy recognition and full diplomatic privileges in London, its accredited agents in Hankow have been publicly engaged in bounding on the excitable Chinese mob to attack the British Concessions. Even in the record of the Bolshevik Government's relations with this country there has never been anything quite so barefaced. Zinovieff, Trotsky, and their like might fulminate against us in Moscow, might issue instructions by letter to the Communist party in Great Britain, might secretly foment insurrections in India, and might train Orientals—including many Chinese—in the arts of incendiary oratory and Communist propaganda; but the conduct of Bonodin and his associates in openly organising an attack upon British nationals and their property in Hankow, in the hope of forcing the defenders to shoot, is a new development. The Soviet agents in China are taking a leading part in an attempt to drive our people out of the country. That is what mainly concerns them, and they can now point to a success which leaves British prestige throughout the East a ruin until such time as measures have been taken to restore it.

Lure of the Concessions.

The Cantonese have, of course, additional interests of their own. Their purpose of expelling the British from the Concessions has a very practical side to it, for the towns that have grown up within those areas are the finest in China. They have been built, in most cases, upon bare and unwanted tracts of land leased to the British, and to gain possession of them, for nothing would be an excellent stroke of business for the heirs of the Socialist tradition of Sun Yat-sen, the foreign settlement at Shanghai, upon which they are already turning a covetous eye, and land values stand as high as those in the cities of Great Britain, and among the buildings there are some of the finest in the world. These are the external aspects of a position which it is sought to sweep out of existence; and we say again that the surrender by public opinion in this country, which expects, on the contrary, that measures shall be taken to restore what has been temporarily lost, and undo the shattering moral effect of this week's triumph of mob-violence at Hankow. The British Government has made public the extreme length to which it considers that the Treaty Powers should go in the conciliating of Chinese Nationalist sentiment. But it has never repudiated its obligation to protect the legitimate interests of its nationals in China, and the country awaits now some clear sign that the policy of allowing matters in that connection to drift to ruin has been replaced by one more worthy of our place in the world.

"WHISPERING GALLERY."

AUTHOR OF "HOAX" ACQUITTED.

PUBLIC NOW WARY.

London, Jan. 28.

Hecketh Pearsons, author of "The Whispering Gallery," has been tried on a charge of obtaining a cheque on false pretences, and has been found not guilty.

"The Whispering Gallery" caused a day's sensation in London some time ago by its alleged revelations of intimate details and conversations of European statesmen. Such a hue and cry went up about the book on the day of its publication that it was withdrawn by the publishers "the next day."

The book was published anonymously, but was said to be the memories of a prominent diplomat.

The day the book was published the newspapers, which had been furnished advance copies for review, devoted many columns to the startling revelations made. The publishers, alarmed by the clamour, pressed Hecketh Pearsons, who had sold them the manuscript saying he represented a former British Ambassador who wished his name to be kept secret, to reveal the principal's name.

Pearsons said the book had been written by Sir Rennell Rodd, former Ambassador to Italy, who was quickly able to prove that he had never seen or heard of the diary and that he had never met Pearsons. Suit was then brought against Pearsons on a charge of obtaining a cheque for £225, advance payment for the book, on false pretences.

Semi-military honours were paid at the funeral at Farnborough, Hants, of ex-Sergeant Major W. T. Fitch, once champion swordsman of the British Army.

The loss of a beautiful bracelet worth about £1,000 during a brief taxi ride in the West End of London, has been reported to Scotland Yard.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG FEBRUARY 16, 1927, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers Society.
T.T. on London	2'0	2'0	2'0
T.T. on Shanghai	78-7/8	78 3/4	nom
Hongkong Bank	1100 b	1090 n	1100 b
do. London	4122 n	—	122 n
Chartered Bank	421 n	421 n	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	431 n	432 n	—
do. C.	413 1/2 n	413 1/2 n	—
P. & O. Bank	49 1/2 b	410 n	—
Bank of East Asia	84 s	70 n	76 n
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	655 b 657 sa	650 b 660 s	3650 b
China Underwriters	90 cts b	90 cts b	80 cts. b
North China Insurance	1145 n	140 n	—
Union Insurance	285 b	285 sa	285 b
Yangtze Insurance	338 M. b	40 n	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	615 b	615 b	615 b
Shipping.			
Douglases	30-1/2 b	30 b	30 1/2 b
Hongkong Steamboats	23 1/2 s	23 s	22 1/2 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10 n	2 1/4 n	1 1/4 s
Indo-China (Pref)	30 s	30 n	30 s
do. (Def.)	40 b	40 n	40 n
Shell Transports	98 1/2 n	101 1/3 b	96 1/2 n
Star Ferries	55 b	56 b & sa	56 b
Water-boats	14 1/2 b	14 b	14 1/2 n
Refineries.			
China Sugars	22 s	21 b	21 b
Malabon Sugars	34 n	35 s	36 n
Mining.			
Benguets	1.30 n	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	38 1/2 n	—	—
Langkats (Combined)	52 1/2 n	42 1/2 n	40 1/2 n
do. (Single)	12 1/2 n	25 n	24 1/2 n
Shanghai Exploration	14 1/2 n	12 n	—
Shanghai Loan	17 1/2 n	5 n	—
Raubas	4 s	8 n	—
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2 n	3.40 b	3 1/2 n
Ural Caspians	8 1/2 n	21 1/2 b	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	112 1/2 b	112 b	112 1/2 b & sa
H.K. & W. Docks	40 n	37 b	40 s
Hongkews	116 1/2 n	—	165 n
New Engineerings	154 n	5 b	5 n
Shanghai Docks	1102 sa	103 b	102 b
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	734 b	734 b	734 b
Hongkong Lands	574 n	56 1/2 b	57 b
Hongkong Realty	14 b	6 s	6 n
H.K. Territorial	24 s	3 s	2 1/2 n
Humphreys Estates	1234 b	13 b	1234 b
Prince's Building	89 n	87 s	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2 s	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	78.35 b	8.30 b	8 s
Oriental	72 1/2 n	72 1/2 b	72 1/2 s
Shanghai Cottons (old)	75 3/4 n	53 b	54 n
do. (new)	77 n	27 b	28 n
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	5 n	4 s	5 n
Cements (comb.)	8 s	7.90 n	8 1/4 n
do. (old)	6 1/2 s	7 1/2 n	6 n
do. (new)	134 n	1 n	1 1/2 n
China Buses	9 1/2 b	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	14 1/2 n	14 1/2 b	14.60 sa
do. (old)	11 n	10 1/2 b	10 1/2 n
do. (new)	734 b	8 b	8 b
China Prov.	5 b 4.80 sa	5 b	5 s
Dairy Farms	17 1/2 b	17.85 b	18 b
Der A. Wing	6 n	—	—
Hongkong Amusements	18 1/2 b 18 1/2 sa	17 1/2 b	17 1/2 b
H.K. Constructions	2.20 b	2.20 b	2.20 b
Hongkong Electricity	58b 59 s	58 b	58 b
H.K. Ropes (old)	10 s	10 s	9 1/2 s
do. (new)	5 s	5 s	5 s
Hongkong Tramways	22 1/2 n	22 1/2 b 22 30 sa	22 1/2 b
Lane, Crawford	8 n	7 s	7 s
Macao Electricity	35 n	—	—
Mackintosh	10 1/2 n	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	0.60 b	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2 b	15 b	15 b
do. (new)	8 1/2 b	8 n	8 b
Sinceres	9 1/2 s	9.10 b	9 n
Singapore Trams	13 1/2 s	10 1/2 s	10 1/2 s
Taxis	1 s	70 c b	70 Cts n
United Asbestos	—	—	—
do. (Founders) do. (Ordinary)	20 n	600 n 18 n	— —
Watsons	13 b & sa	12 1/2 b 13 sa	12 1/2 b
Wm. Powells	6 1/2 n	5 b	5 n
H.K. Telephones	3 60 b	3 1/2 b	3 1/2 b

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FASHIONS AND FANCIES

Late Winter Showings Present a Comparatively
Settled Mode—Hints of the New Fashions
Abo und.

With every individual designer emphasising lines and details different from every other, the winter fashions are most decidedly deceptive, and it is not until the final winter showings that the mode is really established. General acceptance has separated the wheat from the chaff, and it is little short of amazing how much chaff the crop of fashions has brought. This is true in every respect, whether it has to do with fabric, colour line or trimming.

Coats, frocks—both daytime and evening—sports clothes and the entire range of imperative accessories have a place in every complete and graphic portrayal of the mode. Paris has presented a new elegance which had to have time to settle into a form that was usable. One notices the very evident trend toward intricate detail, which is made to assume a decided simplicity by the art of the designer.

The New Silhouette. While the couturiers are in the hey-day of her glory, the amateur dressmaker finds herself most decidedly puzzled. In the maze of puzzling skirt treatments that use a deal of fabric, yet appear smartly slender, it is difficult to locate even one that is easy to make—successfully. For even when lines are, apparently, straight, there is nothing about them that even faintly resembles the oldtime pencil or sheath silhouette.

The bloused waist has achieved a fairly definite place in the mode, but it is not permitted to interfere in any way with the general impression of slenderness upon which fashion insists. Boleros appear, but they, too, keep to the rule of straightness. Hips are fitted—which has much to do with the charm of the new silhouette, and such fullness as may appear in the skirt is cleverly manipulated with pleats and tucks, or with flounces of soft-falling fabric.

It is readily seen what this manipulation means, so far as materials are concerned. They must be supple, and the really logical choice is chiffon ororgette. It is possible to find more models in the latter fabric than in any other one, for not only does it assume the desired lines in the body of the dress, but it makes elaborate sleeves that are not too bulky. And both chiffon andorgette make the coloured slip possible, which is always desirable in the interests of variety.

Sleeves Long And Intricate. In a mode that inclines so very stoutly to elegance, the plain sleeve has no place. It will be, inevitably, long; and will show elaboration somewhere between the shoulder and the wrist. Especially lovely—when the fabric is right and the person who wears the model—is the dolman armhole; then there is the sleeve that is full at the elbow and narrow at the wrist, or the one that

BLUE SHOES ARE SMART!

To the woman who is keen for unusual effects, the vogue for shoes of blue kidskin will appeal. It is a vogue sufficiently well-developed to assure a satisfactory choice in this one accessory, for there are not only operas, one-strap pumps and Oxfords to be had, but the latter show variety in both last and height of heel. And some of the models show a trimming of bright blue alligator calf.

Blue is proving rather popular in costumes—this means navy and many of the lighter shades—and blue shoes harmonise with the blue ensemble. But their usefulness is by no means limited to clothes of the same general colour, for they are effective with certain tones of gray—the blue and the gray are side by side in fashion, too—and with beige.

is snug at the elbow and bells at the wrist.

Skirt length is always an interesting question, and while there are many rumours to the effect that longer skirts are to be a part of the new mode already appearing on the horizon, late models are short—two and three inches below the knee, when becoming. It is practically useless to repeat the warning, that one's figure should determine the skirt length, but it is true. A full-length glass should be consulted before the final decision is made.

The irregular hemline is the thing, except, of course, in sports and tailored models. It is reached in many different, interesting ways, and is one of the most generally becoming details of a mode that should be found perfection, individually, since there are so many interpretations of it. Trimmings are elaborate—embroideries and other types of handwork; crystal effects on evening frocks, and fringe—but beware this intriguing stuff—it can be very unbecoming.

Daytime Dresses Are Varied. The rather elaborate frock that appears in the afternoon is a radical departure from the dress that is tailored or sports in type, belonging to the morning hours. For the latter wool, jersey, knit fabrics, velvet and corduroy. For the former—silk, crepe,orgette and velvet, a list that differs only in type from evening fabrics, which are more fragile and, presumably, more delicate in colour.

Typical of the smartness of morning apparel, the little model of plaid novelty wool shows the influence of the trend toward elegance. It is straight of line, but not a pencil silhouette; it combines plain material with fancy in an interesting way, and it is belted and strapped and buttoned in an unusual way. The long sleeve shows elaboration, but keeps to the spirit of the tailored mode; the collar is high—and smart.

Afternoon may bring out the smart little frock of crepe and panne velvet which illustrates fashion's flair for two fabrics and two colours or shades of colours. Abrupt contrasts are not as likable as the more subtle ones, which the pictured model typifies. A model of this sort is always a welcome addition to the wardrobe for it may be worn under the coat for a morning's shopping and prove correct for even an elaborate luncheon and Ride.

Evening Things Gorgeous. When it comes to the festivities of the evening, fashion outdoes herself, applying to her offerings luxury, splendour and elaboration of many sorts—all these in colour, fabric and line. There is a real rage for the gowns that are treated to magnificent embroideries done in sequins, crystal beads, rhinestones—anything that glitters. So brilliant are they that they attract the light and are termed "spotlight frocks."

Many, however, prefer the feminine quaintness of the robe de style—the model illustrated a very charming interpretation of this picturesque fashion. It possesses an individuality that the spangled dress may not achieve, and the beauty of the velvet is accentuated by the adorable "pinked" ruffles of tulle that are matched by the lining to the huge bustle bow. Note the rounded neckline in back and the just-enough shirring on the bodice.

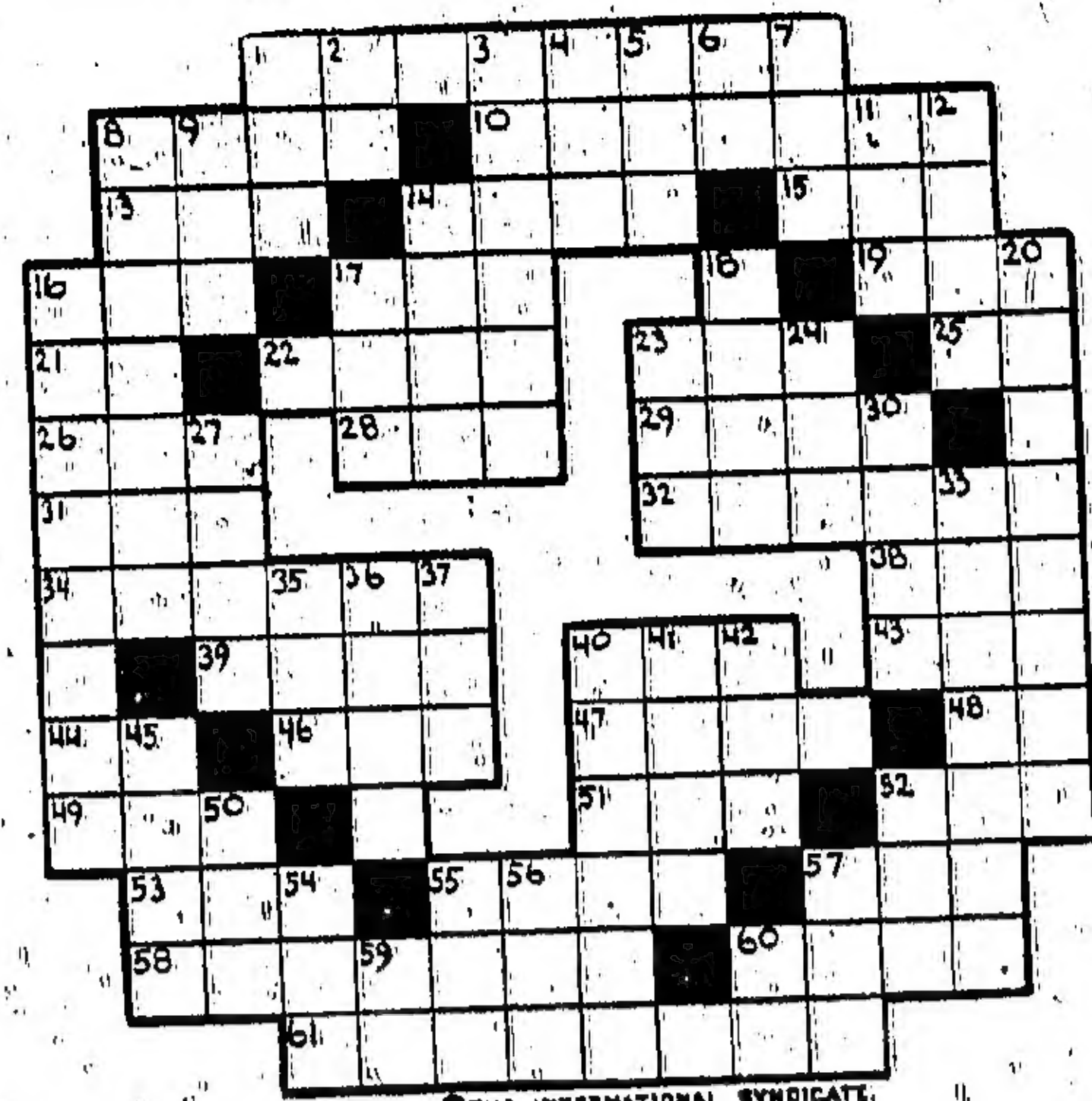
Coats are no less elaborate than dresses, and are quite as decided in their line of demarcation—one from the other. The sports coat, which is a general utility coat for the woman who does not indulge in sports, is always tailored in line and finish, but jaunty, swaggy, smart. It may be of wool or of fur, or it may be of both—the cloth coat having fur collar and cuffs or even a lining of fur.

Three Very Different Models. Emphasising the blouse back, a coat of black broadcloth takes to itself many of the characteristics of elaborateness that an afternoon model may possess, yet it would be correct for morning wear. Its trimming is simplicity itself, consisting of a touch of applique above the waistline and fur cuffs and collar. The latter has a band of ornamental metal braid run through it to match the braid that heads the cuffs.

An afternoon coat that will prove a most "dressy" affair is made of fine broadcloth and lavishly trim-

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

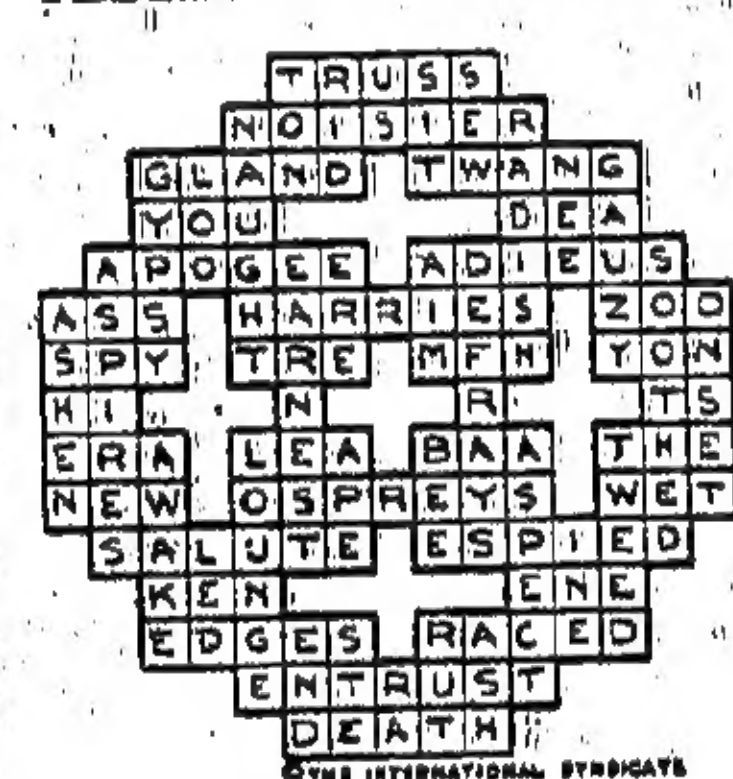


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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Climb | 43-To dress, as stone | 11-Cession |
| 8-Only | 44-Right (abbr.) | 12-A figure |
| 10-Sewing implement | 46-Beam | 14-Satiate |
| 15-Infold | 47-Snare | 18-Bruggers |
| 16-Peak | 48-A continent (abbr.) | 17-Press down |
| 18-A unit | 49-impair | 19-Part of leg |
| 19-Wagon | 51-Over (post.) | 20-Pastoral song |
| 20-Hinder | 52-The sun | 23-Part of head |
| 21-Restrain | 53-Chum | 24-An age |
| 22-At | 55-Boat propellers | 27-Percolate |
| 23-Exorcise right of | 57-Clear of | 30-Candid |
| 24-suffrage | 58-Part of church | 33-Event |
| 25-Point of compass | 60-Mud | 35-River in |
| 26-Mother | 61-Snow coating | 36-Switzerland |
| 28-Advertisements | | 37-Crafty |
| 29-Point of compass | VERTICAL | 40-Imprisoned |
| 30-Tiny | 1-A lofty mountain | 41-Greek god of war |
| 32-Combining form | 2-Point of compass | 42-Dark oily liquid |
| 33-Air | 3-Entrance | 43-Military signal |
| 34-Look at | 4-Combining form | 45-Fitting |
| 35-Overwater | 5-New | 46-Term of address |
| 36-Level part of stair | 6-Condensed moisture | 47-The (French) |
| 37-Prefix Beside | 7-Editor (abbr.) | 48-Open (post.) |
| 38-Bucket | 8-Dead Letter Office | 49-Alderman (abbr.) |
| 40-Day of week (abbr.) | 9-Thin | 50-Equip |
| | 10-A grain | 51-The (Spanish) |
| | | 52-Manganese (abbr.) |

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES:
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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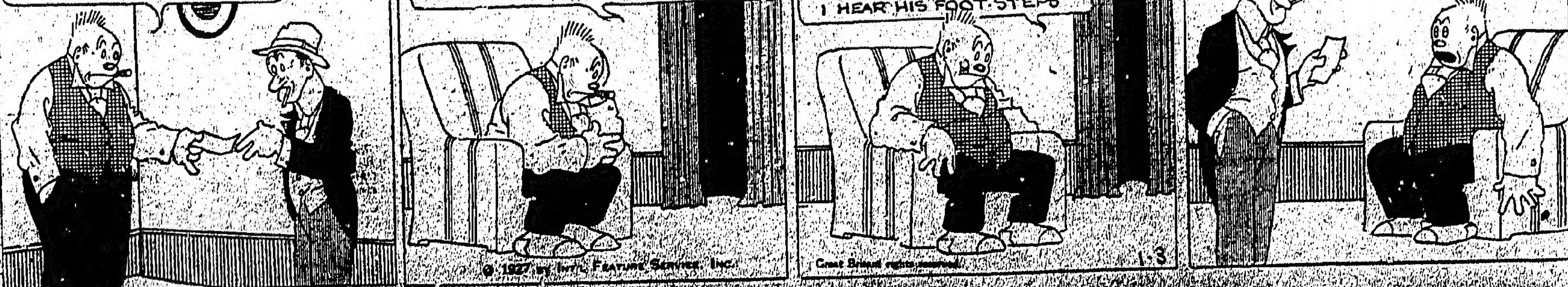
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

It was stated that a family of ten occupied one bedroom in an ejection case at Mansfield.

It is reported that Marshal Pilsudski, the Polish Premier, intends to resign to devote himself to military affairs.

London's death rate in mail week rose to 15.8 from 13.2 in the previous week, the deaths numbering 1,473, compared with 1,070.

With £160 in gold and notes in his possession, Thomas Griffin, 76, a tramping labourer, has died in Alcester, Warwickshire, workhouse infirmary.

A youth of eighteen, named Thomas Howell, was at Croydon fined 25 and placed on probation for two years for stealing four boxes of cigarettes from a kiosk in George Street, Croydon, belonging to Henry Crane, a blind ex-soldier.

Thirty motor-cars have been stolen and abandoned in the Willesden district during the past six weeks.

Mr. Edward Wild, of Norwich, father of Sir Ernest Wild, Recorder of London, has celebrated his 95th birthday.

Containing more than 100 dresses, a motor-van of a London firm of costumiers disappeared from outside a Brighton shop while the traveller was inside.

For stealing 17 pork pies which he shared with two other boys, giving the remainder to dogs, a Whittlesey, Cambridgeshire, boy of 11 was sent to an industrial school for five years.

On charges of wounding his granddaughter with a hatchet and setting fire to the house, Horatio Taylor, aged 77, a steel worker, was committed for trial at Ebbw Vale, Monmouthshire.



Paris, France.—Warrington Dawson, famous writer and diplomat, who has carried on in these two fields from an invalid's chair, was signally honoured by the French Academy recently, when it presented him with the "Medaille de la Langue Francaise," the first award of this kind ever made to a foreigner. The medal was presented to him by Marshal Joffre. Photo at left shows Warrington Dawson in his sick room at Versailles, where he issues the works that make his personality. Photo at right shows a close-up of the Medaille de la Langue Francaise.

Ralph Charles Langford, garage proprietor, of Kingsway, Luton, was found dead with his head in a gas oven.

Mr. Henry Barry Blagrove, a well-known Berkshire sportsman, and one of the oldest residents in the Reading district, died, aged seventy-nine.

The University of Lille has conferred the degree of Docteur d'Universite on Mrs. Pond, headmistress of Tollington Park (London) Central School.

Mr. Leslie W. Archer, one of the earliest lay readers in the diocese of Exeter, has celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his work in Devonport churches.

An aeroplane which landed in a field just outside Melton Mowbray struck a ridge in the field and was overturned. The pilot scrambled out uninjured.

Spanish oranges are to be exported in future, says a Madrid telegram, under rigorous State supervision, with a view to assuring the good quality of the fruit.

Two women were injured when a motor-lorry skidded and mounted the pavement in Charing Cross Road and crashed into the railings in front of a police section house.

Sir Ernest Rutherford, Director of the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge, has been awarded a prize of 1,000 dollars by the Sigma Xi National Scientific Honour Fraternity, meeting at Philadelphia.

Strabane and Donemana, Co. Tyrone, Old Age Pension Committee, granted a pension to a woman whose age was given as 99 and whose application was supported by a man who said he was aged 102.

Another fatal skiing accident has occurred in Switzerland. Two Italian students skiing in the region of the Matterhorn were overwhelmed by a sudden avalanche, and one of them has died from the cold.

The body of Arthur Johnson, a street cornet player and Army pensioner, who mysteriously disappeared at the end of November when walking from Staines to Chertsey one foggy evening, was found in a gravel pit midway between the two towns.

The Rev. W. D. Rudgard, Rector of Longford (Warwickshire), who died in October, left estate of the value of £25,000, the income to be equally divided for life between his gardener, his secretary, and his housekeeper.

The old central power station of the General Post Office on the south side of the Thames opposite Temple Gardens is for sale.

Twenty-nine persons, including two women, were lynched in the United States during 1926, an increase of thirteen over the previous year.

Canon E. F. Forrest, a native of Birmingham, for 35 years the Vicar of Pemberton, Lancs., has died in his seventy-fourth year at Dormans, Surrey.

Mrs. Keyworth, widow of Colonel John W. Keyworth, who died the day following her husband's funeral, was buried at Bishopstington, Devon.

Mrs. Kay, wife of the Rev. W. H. Kay, a retired clergyman, of East Hayes House, Bath, died suddenly while attending a mothers' union social party.

A youth, aged 17, who became so helplessly drunk on Christmas Day through drinking red wine that he had to be carried home by a policeman was bound over for 12 months at Blyth, Northumberland.

"Beauty," an Australian cockatoo, which escaped from a licensed house at Greenwich and spent most of his freedom perched on a clock tower in Deptford Broadway, has returned to captivity.

A former tramp at St. Francis Home tramp colony at Bacombe, Mid-Dorset, who was found employment in a sugar factory and earned from £3 to £4 a week, gave a sack of sugar to the home as a New Year's present.

On the same day that Mr. W. R. Morris, the motor manufacturer, contributed £104,000 to St. Thomas's Hospital, London, his wife met with a motor mishap, breaking her collarbone, when her car skidded.

James Robert Wilson, secretary of the South Shields Branch of the British Legion, after attacking his wife while she was in bed, jumped out of a window, was impaled on some iron palisading, and died soon afterwards. His wife is recovering.

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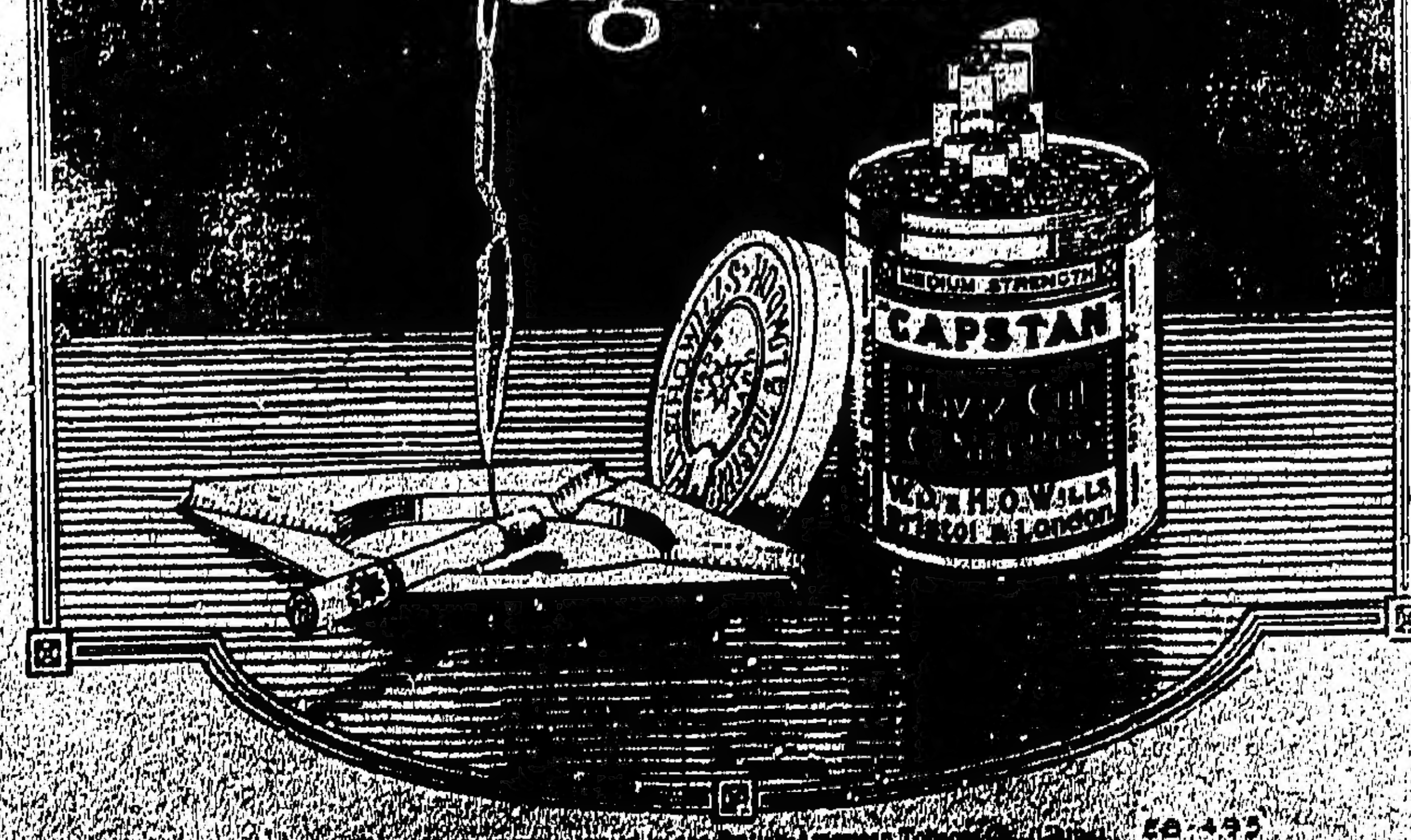
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Shanghai	17	Ichang.
Shanghai	17	Szechuen.
Europe via Suez, (letters & papers, London 20th Jan., & parcels 13th Jan.)	17	Mongolia.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18		
Shanghai	18	Kalyan.
Straits	18	Hosang.
Australia & Manila	18	Tango Maru.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19		
Straits	19	Nyanza.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	19	Pres. Jefferson.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	20	Shinyo Maru.
Japan & Amoy	20	Taima.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21		
Straits	21	Kamo Maru.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25		
Japan & Shanghai	25	Hakusan Maru.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	25	Empress of Asia.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	28	President Wilson.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	28	Pres. Lincoln.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16	Per
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 7th March & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only). Registration 2.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.	16	President McKinley.
Amoy	16	Kwangtung.
Amoy	16	Lai Sang.
Shanghai & Japan	16	Porthos.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17		
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Straits & Calcutta. Parcels noon. Letters 1 p.m.	17	Sul Sang.
Straits	17	Cremer.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	17	Mongolia.
Bangkok	17	Chinhua.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18		
Hohow Pakhoi & Halphong	18	Menado Maru.
Sourabaya	18	Tjilboet.
Swatow, Amoy & Fochow	18	Haiching.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	18	Delta.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 19th March. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	18	Kalyan.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

DISARMAMENT.

France and Coolidge Proposals.

LEAGUE ACTION PREFERRED.

Paris, Feb. 15. The Cabinet has approved the draft reply to President Coolidge's disarmament proposals. The contents have not been disclosed, but it is understood that the reply is tantamount to a refusal of the invitation on the ground that the League of Nations, which has long been dealing with a comprehensive scheme of disarmament is approaching practical result.—Reuter.

Right of the League.

Paris, Feb. 15. The text of the French reply to President Coolidge's disarmament proposals recognises their "left aim and generous idealism," but considers they risk compromising the work already begun at Geneva, and only there under the aegis of the League they should be studied.

The reply points out that the League has advanced several stages in the direction of the goal fixed by the Covenant.

France therefore, deprecates a special conference of five Powers when all the navies of the world are entitled to be associated in agreement on the question of limitation of light vessels.—Reuter.

French Agency's Report.

London, Feb. 15. M. Briand's reply to President Coolidge's Memorandum was now ready to be laid this morning before the Council of Ministers.

The reply suggests that the United States should refer the proposals to the League of Nations, which is entitled by the Covenant to deal with disarmament.

France does not consider herself as having the right to hold a separate conference and deprive the League of Nations of its function. Separate action would deal a deathblow to Geneva's authority, and that authority is necessary for the maintenance of world peace.

The reply thinks that a conference of the five large Powers would eliminate the other naval nations also interested in disarmament and must apply simultaneously to naval, military and aerial forces, and consider the geographical situation of the interested Powers.—Havas.

Japan's Naval Strength.

Tokyo, Feb. 15. Baron Takarabe, questioned in the Upper House of the Diet repeated that the present strength of the navy was at a minimum, therefore there was no room for further reduction. He regarded President Coolidge's proposal as an extension of the Washington Conference, but it was not believed possible under the changed conditions to fix an auxiliary ratio of 5-5-3, or even 5-5-4, because some countries needed more auxiliaries than others for defensive purposes.—Reuter.

The increasing share of women in business is reflected in the fact that the number of women members of the London Chamber of Commerce has increased from 5 two years ago to 110 to-day. Women commanding four-figure incomes were a novelty in the City not long ago. Now there are several whose incomes must reach £10,000 a year. An official of the chamber said, Chief among women in business is Vice-countess Rhonda. She is a director of 24 companies concerned with coal, iron, and steel, printing and publishing, insurance, and shipping. Then there is Lady Polson, who is managing director of Chesnut, Cooper and Co., Creechchurch Lane, E.C. merchants. Lady Honeywood is managing director of many hotels and Mrs. Harper manages the advance department of the Mutual Property Insurance Company, Ltd.

Eight lives are believed to have been lost through the foundering of a fishing vessel off the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Rouen was plunged into darkness for an hour and a half through a rat falling on a cable and causing a short circuit.

GRAVE RIOTS.

Hindus and Moslems In Conflict.

FIVE PEOPLE KILLED.

Bombay, Feb. 15.

The "Times of India" reports serious communal rioting at Indore. Five persons were killed and 19 injured.

A party of Hindu women motor from a religious ceremony were attacked for allowing music in front of a Moslem mosque.

Crowds of worshippers poured out of the building and pelted the offenders with stones and bricks.

The mob followed the cars home, where mill workers swelled the crowd to two thousand. Out-houses were set on fire.

Police and cavalry have hurried to the scene. The position is uncertain.—Reuter.

MUSICALE.

HELENA MAY INSTITUTE PROGRAMME.

ITEMS FOR TO-MORROW.

Below is given the programme of to-morrow's Musicale at the Helena May Institute:—

1.—Songs: (a) "Still as the Night," Bohm; (b) "Star of Me," Roger.—Mrs. E. Sanger.

2.—Songs: (a) "Through the Silent Night," Rachmaninoff; (b) "Love went a-riding," F. Bridge.—Mr. L. E. Hopkins.

3.—Recitation: "In Summer Time on Breton," Housman.—Mrs. S. S. Perry.

4.—Piano Solos: (a) "Elegie," Rachmaninoff; (b) "Witches' Dance," MacDowell.—Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith.

5.—Songs: (a) "Ich Liebe Dich" and (b) "In the Boat," Grieg.—Mrs. R. Sanger.

6.—Recitation: "The Littlest One," St. John Adecock.—Mrs. S. S. Perry.

7.—Piano Solo: "Polonaise in A Flat," Chopin.—Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith.

8.—Duet: "Decidi il mio Destino" from Pagliacci, Puccini.—Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith and Mr. L. E. Hopkins.

MACAO RACES.

INAUGURAL MEETING THIS WEEK-END.

Madame de Sousa Barbosa is to perform the opening ceremony at 12 noon on Saturday, at Areia Preta, for the inaugural race meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd.

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SEDITION CHARGE.

The case against three seamen of the a.s. "President Taft," who are charged with possessing seditious literature, was again mentioned in Mr. Lindell's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, intimated that he would be prepared to proceed with the case to-morrow, the official translations of the literature having been promised this afternoon.

Mr. Lindell said that he would hear the case at noon to-morrow.

HESKETH PEARSON.

At the London Sessions the Grand Jury returned a true bill against Hesketh Pearson, writer, who had been committed from Marlborough Street Police Court on a charge of obtaining by false pretences with intent to defraud a banker's order for the payment of £225 from Allen Lane Williams Lane, a director of the firm of publishers, John Lane, The Bodley Head, Ltd.

JAPAN'S GRIEF.

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HOUSE OF LORDS TRIBUTE.

Rugby, Feb. 15.

In the House of Lords the Earl of Birkenhead moved that an address be presented to the King expressing deep regret at the death of the Emperor of Japan, and praying His Majesty to express to the present Emperor the profound sympathy of the House with the Imperial family, and the Government and people of Japan.

The Earl of Birkenhead said that the relations between ourselves and that other great land confronted by so many comparable problems had been too intimate to make it possible for us to pass by a moment of national mourning in Japan without making plain that we intended, so far as we could, to share her griefs.

The Earl of Birkenhead referred to the great and loyal part played by Japan as Britain's ally in the Great War.

Viscount Haldane, on behalf of the Labour Opposition, and the Earl of Beauchamp, for the Liberal Party, supported the motion, which was agreed to.

A similar resolution has already been passed by the House of Commons.—British Wireless Service.

GAY GABY.

RELATED RIVAL CLAIMS FOR FORTUNE.

Alleging that a Madame Hypollit had falsely claimed to be the mother of the late Gaby Desleys, the famous dancer, who for a time fascinated young King Manoel of Portugal, and thus helped to make him an exile from a country that turned Republican, a Hungarian family named Navratil, according to the Vienna correspondent of the "Daily Mail," has started criminal proceedings in order to claim a share of Gaby's fortune. They assert that Gaby made a will leaving her entire fortune to her father and her sister, and also that Madame Hypollit substituted Gaby for her own daughter. It was stated at the time of her death in February, 1920, that Mlle. Desleys had left an estate valued at £400,000.

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